

Chronological Companion To The Bible

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Introduction and Instructions

I love the Bible! Not just because “all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;”¹ but also because it is absolutely full of all sorts of interesting reading! Yet amazingly, the Bible, as a whole work, is generally unread, even by those who claim a close personal relationship with the God Who inspired its writing. They may know very well the key texts behind significantly important theological tenets, but otherwise they are altogether unfamiliar with the rest of this great literary and historical treasure.

It has been my experience as a Bible teacher that this biblical illiteracy generally stems, not from laziness, but from repeated, unsuccessful attempts to read the Bible “cover to cover,” “start to finish,” “Genesis through Revelation,” as one would read most books. Such readers generally do well until they reach Leviticus, where they get bogged down in the detailed instructions of sacrificial protocol, and many simply give up. Those who do press on may make it as far as 1 Chronicles, where, overwhelmed by the sheer number of unfamiliar names, more will abandon their worthy goal. Of those who survive the “name lists,” few are able to appreciate the messages of the various prophets, since these have long been arranged in a manner foreign to the average reader, completely divorced from their historical contexts. And I won’t even bother going into the problems that arise from trying to read the New Testament books in the order of their arrangement.

I have long believed that these hindrances to reading the whole Bible are best dealt with by helping people absorb Scripture progressively and in chronological order. It makes perfect sense to the average person that 2 Samuel should be read after 1 Samuel and that 2 Corinthians should be read after 1 Corinthians. Why not apply the same logic to the rest of Scripture?

The Old Testament prophets and wisdom books ought to be read in the order they were written and in the context of the Old Testament historical books. In the same way, the New Testament letters ought to be read in the order they were written and in the context of the historical book of Acts. And even though I am a very serious New Testament believer, I am thoroughly convinced that students of Scripture ought to read the entire Old Testament before seriously tackling the New Testament.

Over the past sixteen years, as I have taught through the Bible in this manner, many of my students have commented that the very things which once stymied their reading efforts now make perfect sense and that they have a renewed hunger and thirst for the entire Word of God. My intention in compiling this book is to offer this same means of encouragement to a much wider audience.

This book is basically a chronological outline of the Bible. To journey through the exciting world of sacred history, all you need to do is spend a few minutes of each day reading, in order, the indicated text references. As you read, take the time to mark and to date where you end each reading session. This will help you keep track of your progress and make it easier to resume your journey if a few days happen to pass between opportunities to read. Remember, it’s not really all that important how long it takes you to finish this journey, only that you do finish it.

Where more than one account of an event is available (as in the Divided Kingdom Period and in the Life of Christ), I have tried to make the assigned reading the most full, relatively significant or convenient account. References for any parallel account(s) are then provided parenthetically.

If you have a particular interest in Biblical chronology, you’ll want to pay attention to the outline itself, including the footnotes and charts. I have tried to clearly indicate those places where I have made chronological or textual assumptions, indicating in a footnote or parenthetically how and/or why the assumption was made.

Finally, I have reduced many (but by no means all) of the “name lists” to chart form and have included them outside the reading assignments so that you can consider them at your leisure. There’s a lot of interesting information in these lists, so make sure that you don’t just pass them by.

So, after a few introductory charts, let’s get started on our journey!

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¹ 2 Timothy 3:16. Unless indicated otherwise, all Scripture quotations are taken from the New American Standard Version.

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Chart 1: The Ancient Israeli Calendar

The ancient Israeli day ran from sunset to sunset, with seven days in each week. The Israeli month, which was tied to the lunar cycle and varied between 29 and 30 days in length, began with the first visible crescent of each new moon. The 1st Month of the Israeli (Exodus-based²) year began in the spring, around the time of the vernal equinox.³ Differences between the solar and lunar cycles, made it necessary to insert a 13th Month⁴ every few years in order to keep the calendar in sync with the agricultural cycle.

Modern Months	Pre-Davidic	Post-Babylon⁵	Gezer Calendar⁶	Syrian Macedonian⁷	Egyptian Macedonian⁸
MAR/APR	<i>Abib</i> ⁹	(7/1) <i>Nisan</i>	Flax Hoeing	(1/7) <i>Xanthikos</i>	(7) <i>Phamenoth</i>
APR/MAY	<i>Ziw</i> ¹⁰	(8/2) <i>Iyyar</i>	Barley Harvest	(2/8) <i>Artemisios</i>	(8) <i>Pharmouthi</i>
MAY/JUN		(9/3) <i>Siwan</i>	Wheat Harvest	(3/9) <i>Daisios</i>	(9) <i>Pachon</i> ¹¹
JUN/JUL		(10/4) <i>Tammuz</i>	Vine Tending	(4/10) <i>Panemos</i>	(10) <i>Payni</i>
JUL/AUG		(11/5) <i>Ab</i>	Vine Tending	(5/11) <i>Loios</i>	(11) <i>Epiphi</i>
AUG/SEP		(12/6) <i>Elul</i>	Summer Fruit	(6/12) <i>Gorpaios</i>	(12) <i>Mesori</i>
SEP/OCT	<i>Ethanim</i> ¹²	(1/7) <i>Tishri</i>	[Olive] Harvest	(7/1) <i>Hyperberetaios</i>	(1) <i>Thoth</i>
OCT/NOV	<i>Bul</i> ¹³	(2/8) <i>Heshwan</i>	[Olive] Harvest	(8/2) <i>Dios</i>	(2) <i>Phaophi</i>
NOV/DEC		(3/9) <i>Kislew</i>	Grain Planting	(9/3) <i>Appellaios</i>	(3) <i>Athyri</i>
DEC/JAN		(4/10) <i>Tebeth</i>	Grain Planting	(10/4) <i>Audunaios</i>	(4) <i>Choiak</i>
JAN/FEB		(5/11) <i>Shebat</i>	Late Planting	(11/5) <i>Peritios</i>	(5) <i>Tybi</i>
FEB/MAR		(6/12) <i>Adar</i>	Late Planting	(12/6) <i>Dystros</i>	(6) <i>Mechir</i>

² In Exodus 12:1-2, God established a new calendar system for Israel, tied to the Exodus event. Prior to this they presumably had followed a fall-based calendar (like so many other cultures of the Middle East) beginning around the time of the autumnal equinox. Both these calendar systems can be seen in use within the Old Testament, requiring some careful consideration by chronologists as to which is being cited in the text.

³ Josephus wrote that the Passover took place while the sun was in Aries – the constellation of the ancient, vernal equinox (Antiquities 3.10.5). Ancient, Israeli authorities probably considered a number of other, more subjective indicators before declaring the arrival of the 1st Month; in particular the maturity of the barley crop, which had to be ripe enough for the High Priest to offer a sheaf of it as a First Fruits Offering on the first day of the week immediately after the first day of Unleavened Bread on 1*15 (Leviticus 23:9-21). My dating assignments assume that the 1st Month began after (or, on rare occasions, very shortly before) the vernal equinox.

⁴ Technically this was considered an additional observance of the 12th month. During such leap years (which were easily discerned ahead of time), the annual observance of *Purim* was shifted to the second incidence of *Adar*.

⁵ Used in some Jewish writings after 600 BC & some early Christian writings.

⁶ The Gezer Calendar appears to be a mnemonic poem from the late 10th or early 9th Century BC, probably intended to help young Israelis understand the progression of the agricultural year. Its description starts with events in the 7th Month of the Exodus-based Israeli year, indicating the use of the fall-based calendar system.

⁷ Used in some Jewish writings after 200 BC & some early Christian writings.

⁸ Used in some Jewish writings after 200 BC & some early Christian writings.

⁹ This word means “tender” or “green,” probably a reference to the maturity of barley.

¹⁰ This word means “prominent” or “brightness,” probably a reference to the flowering of plants.

¹¹ The earliest date given to Jesus’ birth was on the 25th of this month in Clement’s *Stromata*, Book 1, Chapter 21. A calendar misunderstanding probably transferred “Christmas” to the 9th Syrian Month & from there to the Roman month of December.

¹² This word means “continuing” or “permanent”, probably a reference to the permanent streams that ran even during the dry summer months.

¹³ This word means “produce” or “rain,” probably a reference to the start of the fall rainy season.

Chart 2: Key Dates in Israeli Chronology

The following events make up the essential framework of my O.T. dating system. Together, they form an unbroken chronological chain, from the well-established date for the Babylonian destruction of the Temple, backward, to Abram's arrival in Canaan.

5*7¹⁴ (or 5*10) in the 18th Year of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon

[WED/THU 26/27 (or SAT/SUN 29/30) JUL in 587 BC]

- ✧ Temple destroyed by the Babylonians (2 Kings 25:8-9; Jeremiah 52:12-13)
- ✧ The destruction occurred after 390 years of Israeli iniquity (Ezekiel 4:4-5)¹⁵

2*2 in the 4th Year of Solomon of Israel/480th Year of the Exodus

[TUE/WED 15/16 APR in 977 BC]

- ✧ Temple foundation laid by Solomon (2 Chronicles 3:1-2)
- ✧ The destruction occurred in the 480th Year of the Exodus (1 Kings 6:1)

1*15 in the 1st Year of the Exodus

[THU/FRI 14/15 APR in 1456 BC]

- ✧ Israelis departed from Egypt (Exodus 12:1-13:10)
- ✧ The Exodus occurred 430 years after Jacob/Israel migrated to Egypt (Exodus 12:40-41)

1886 BC

- ✧ Jacob/Israel migrated to Egypt at age 130 (Genesis 46:1-27; cf. Exodus 12:40-41)

2016 BC

- ✧ Isaac was 60 years old when Jacob was born (Genesis 25:26)

2076 BC

- ✧ Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born (Genesis 21:5)

2101 BC¹⁶

- ✧ Abram was 75 years old when he departed Haran for Canaan (Genesis 12:4)

2176 BC

- ✧ Abraham was born

¹⁴ Rather than use the Pre-Davidic or Post-Babylonian month designations, I have chosen to use a simple **Month*Day** format for all Israeli dates, with a modern-style date provided in a footnote or parentheses. Because the ancient, Israeli day began at sunset, actually spanning two modern-style days, I have attempted to indicate this fact within my date assignments. (FYI: These modern-style dates have been assigned with the assistance of a long chain of ever-improving astronomical simulator software programs.)

¹⁵ It is my conviction that the 390 years of Israel's iniquity, signified by the actions of Ezekiel, should be equated with the period of Solomon's Temple, during which time the Israelis themselves often defiled it. [On a related note, the 40 years of Judah's iniquity, also acted out by Ezekiel (4:6), should be equated with Jeremiah's ministry to Judah, during which time he often predicted the Temple's impending destruction.]

¹⁶ Event dating prior to Abram's entrance into Canaan is greatly impacted by numerical differences between the ancient Greek Septuagint text (a translation originally made by Jews around 280 BC) and the very much younger Hebrew Masoretic text (dating from around AD 1100). I have provided charts for each, but prefer the Septuagint dating myself.

Chart 3: Pre-Abrahamic Dating (Alexandrian Septuagint)

Event	Year From Creation	Year BC
Creation of Adam and Eve	0	5570
Birth of Seth to Adam (230)	230	5340
Birth of Enosh to Seth (205)	435	5135
Birth of Kenan to Enosh (190)	625	4945
Birth of Mahalalel to Kenan (170)	795	4775
Death of Adam (930)	930	4640
Birth of Jared to Mahalalel (165)	960	4610
Birth of Enoch to Jared (162)	1122	4448
Death of Seth (912)	1142	4428
Birth of Methuselah to Enoch (165)	1287	4283
Death of Enosh (905)	1340	4230
Birth of Lamech to Methuselah (187)	1474	4096
Enoch Taken by God (365)	1487	4083
Death of Kenan (910)	1535	4035
Birth of Noah to Lamech (188)	1662	3908
Death of Mahalalel (895)	1690	3880
Death of Jared (962)	1922	3648
Birth of Shem to Noah (502)	2164	3406
Death of Lamech (753)	2227	3343
Death of Methuselah (969)	2256	3314
THE FLOOD	2262	3308
Birth of Arphaxad to Shem (100)	2264	3306
Birth of Cainan to Arphaxad (135)	2399	3171
(Same generation of Nimrod, Founder of Babel)		
Birth of Shelah to Cainan (130)	2529	3041
Death of Noah (950)	2612	2958
Birth of Eber to Shelah (130)	2659	2911
Death of Shem (600)	2764	2806
PROBABLE PLACEMENT OF THE TOWER OF BABEL	➤➤➤	➤➤➤
Birth of Peleg to Eber (134)	2793	2777
Death of Arphaxad (564)	2829	2741
Death of Cainan (460)	2859	2711
Birth of Reu to Peleg (130)	2923	2647
Death of Shelah (460)	2989	2581
Birth of Serug to Reu (132)	3055	2515
Death of Peleg (339)	3132	2438
Death of Eber (504)	3163	2407
Birth of Nahor to Serug (130)	3185	2385
Death of Reu (339)	3262	2308
Birth of Terah to Nahor (79)	3264	2306
Birth of Haran to Terah (70)	3334	2236
Death of Serug (330)	3385	2185
Death of Nahor (208)	3393	2177
Birth of Abram to Terah (130)	3394	2176
Death of Terah (205)/Abram (75) Enters Canaan	3469	2101

Chart 4: Pre-Abrahamic Dating (Masoretic Text)

Event	Year From Creation	Year BC
Creation of Adam	0	4180
Birth of Seth to Adam (130)	130	4050
Birth of Enosh to Seth (105)	235	3945
Birth of Kenan to Enosh (90)	325	3855
Birth of Mahalalel to Kenan (70)	395	3785
Birth of Jared to Mahalalel (65)	460	3720
Birth of Enoch to Jared (162)	622	3578
Birth of Methuselah to Enoch (65)	687	3493
Birth of Lamech to Methuselah (185)	872	3308
Death of Adam (930)	930	3250
Enoch Taken by God (365)	987	3193
Death of Seth (912)	1042	3138
Birth of Noah to Lamech (182)	1054	3126
Death of Enosh (905)	1140	3040
Death of Kenan (910)	1235	2945
Death of Mahalalel (895)	1290	2890
Death of Jared (962)	1422	2758
Birth of Shem to Noah (498)	1554	2626
Death of Lamech (777)	1649	2531
Death of Methuselah (969)/ THE FLOOD	1656	2524
Birth of Arphaxad to Shem (100)	1654	2526
Birth of Shelah to Arphaxad (35)	1689	2491
(Same generation of Nimrod, Founder of Babel)		
Birth of Eber to Shelah (30)	1719	2461
PROBABLE PLACEMENT OF THE TOWER OF BABEL	➤➤➤	➤➤➤
Birth of Peleg to Eber (34)	1753	2427
Death of Noah (950)	2004	2176
Birth of Reu to Peleg (30)	1783	2397
Birth of Serug to Reu (32)	1815	2365
Birth of Nahor to Serug (30)	1845	2335
Birth of Terah to Nahor (29)	1874	2306
Birth of Haran to Terah (70)	1944	2236
Death of Peleg (239)	1992	2188
Death of Nahor (148)	1993	2187
Birth of Abram to Terah (130)	2004	2176
Death of Reu (239)	2022	2158
Death of Serug (230)	2045	2135
Death of Terah (205)/ Abram (75) Enters Canaan	2079	2101
Death of Arphaxad (438)	2094	2086
Death of Shelah (433)	2122	2058
Death of Abraham (175)	2179	2001
Death of Shem (600)	2154	2026
Death of Eber (464)	2183	1997

GENESIS was the first of five books written by the prophet Moses during the wilderness experience of Israel. It begins with Creation and ends with Joseph's death in Egypt. It was probably intended as a means of reconnecting the Israelis with their heritage in the "Promised Land," as well as correcting the many historical and spiritual errors that had crept into their culture during their four-century stay in Egypt.

"In the beginning..."

The Creation of All Matter (In Liquid Form) by God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit

□ Genesis 1:1-2 (cf. John 1:1-3)

Day One¹⁷ – Creation of Light, Motion & Time

□ Genesis 1:3-5 (cf. John 1:4-5)

Day Two – Separation of the Astronomical Matter from Terrestrial Matter

□ Genesis 1:6-8

Day Three

Rise of a Single Land Mass out of a Single Ocean

□ Genesis 1:9-10

□ Job 38:8-11

Celebration of the Creation by the "Morning Stars"/"Sons of God"

□ Job 38:4-7¹⁸

Rise of Vegetation

□ Genesis 1:11-13

Day Four - First Sighting of the Sun, Moon & Stars from Earth¹⁹

□ Genesis 1:14-19

Day Five – Rise of Swimming (Water) & Flying (Air) Creatures

□ Genesis 1:20-23

¹⁷ The Hebrew word for "day" (*yōm*), when used with an accompanying numerical indicator, always indicates a normal night/day cycle; therefore, there is every indication that the Creation Week was a literal week.

¹⁸ The "stars" and "sons of God" in this poetic passage are the spirit beings more commonly known as angels.

¹⁹ As suggested by Dr. Humphrey in Starlight & Time.

Day Six

Rise of Land Creatures

□ Genesis 1:24-25

God's Intention to Create Man and Woman

□ Genesis 1:26

The Creation of Man and the Establishment of the Garden of Eden

□ Genesis 2:4-17²⁰ (cf. Genesis 1:27a)

The Presence of *Heylel*²¹ in the Garden of Eden

□ Ezekiel 28:12b-15a²²

The Creation of Woman and God's Blessing on Man and Woman

□ Genesis 2:18-31 (cf. Genesis 1:27b)

Day Seven – Historical Explanation for the Designation of the Israeli *Sabbath*²³ via Moses

□ Genesis 2:1-3

□ Exodus 20:8-11; 31:17

Between the Establishment of the Garden of Eden and the Birth of Cain

The Rebellious Attitude of *Heylel*

□ Isaiah 14:12-14²⁴

The First Sin and the Resultant Curse

□ Genesis 3:1-24

The Angelic Coup Led by “the Dragon”

□ Revelation 12:3-4a²⁵

□ Ezekiel 28:15b-17a

Around the 230th Year after Creation²⁶

The Story of Cain and Abel

□ Genesis 4:1-16

²⁰ Genesis 2:4-25 is simply a more detailed account of God's creation of Man and Woman than that in Genesis 1:26-31.

²¹ Hebrew: *Heylel* = Latin: *Lucifer* = "day star" (i.e., the planet Venus), the brightest star in the sky and apparently the given name of the *Kerub* of Eden, later known as *Satan*.

²² While specifically addressing the King of Tyre, this text is actually directed against the angelic power behind that throne – the *Kerub* of Eden who later became known as *Satan* - Hebrew for “adversary”).

²³ From the Hebrew verb meaning “to rest.”

²⁴ While specifically addressing the King of Babylon, this text was actually directed against *Satan* who had wanted to occupy a throne “above the stars (angels) of God,” and thus to be “like the Most High.”

²⁵ “The Dragon” (*Satan*) swept down “a third” (a significant minority) of the “stars” (angels) at some point after the creation of Mankind. This angelic coup cannot predate Adam and Eve since *Heylel* (*Satan*) was the *Kerub* of Eden “until unrighteousness was found in” him (Ezekiel 28:15b).

²⁶ Based on the fact that this story takes place immediately before the birth of Seth & upon the chronological numbers for Seth in the LXX text.

Between the Birth of Seth and the Flood

The First Six Pre-Flood Generations of Humanity

□ (Via Cain) Genesis 4:17-18

□ (Via Seth) Genesis 5:1-20 (cf. Genesis 4:25-26)

The Unrighteous Life of Lamech, the 7th Generation of Humanity (via Cain)

□ Genesis 4:19-24

The Righteous Life of Enoch, the 7th Generation of Humanity (via Seth)

□ Genesis 5:21-24 (Jude 14-14)

The Final Pre-Flood Generations of Humanity (via Seth)

□ Genesis 5:25-32

God's Punishment of the Angels Who Sinned²⁷

□ Genesis 6:1-4

□ Jude 6 (cf. 2 Peter 2:4)

God's Decision to Flood the World

□ Genesis 6:5-22

Noah's 600th Year/Year of the Flood²⁸ - God's Destruction of the Pre-Flood World

8²⁹*20 – Noah, his family & the animals board the ark (Genesis 7:1-10)

8*27³⁰ - The Flood begins (Genesis 7:11, 13-16)

10*7 (40th Day)– Final day of rain & geysers (Genesis 7:12, 17-23)

Noah's 601st Year/Year after the Flood - God's Covenant with the Post-Flood World

1*27³¹ (150th Day) – The Ark runs aground on the mountains of Ararat (Genesis 7:24-8:4)

4*1 (214th Day) – The tops of the new mountains can be seen (Genesis 8:5)

5*10 (244th Day) – Noah dispatches the raven & dove (Genesis 8:6-9)

5*17 (251st Day) – Noah dispatches the dove a second time (Genesis 8:10-11)

5*24 (258th Day) – Noah dispatches the dove a third & final time (Genesis 8:12)

7*1 (295th Day) – Noah can see that the land is relatively dry (Genesis 8:13)

8*27 (361st Day)

God orders Noah to disembark from the ark (Genesis 8:14-19)

Noah offers the first sacrifices in the post-Flood world (Genesis 8:20)

God establishes the first post-Flood covenant (Genesis 8:21-9:17)

Shortly after the Flood - Noah's Prophecy Regarding the Canaanite Ethnic Group

□ Genesis 9:18-27 (cf. Genesis 10:15-20)

²⁷ It was the unanimous belief of antiquity that the "sons of God" who married the "daughters of men" were fallen angels who chose to take human form. Both Peter and Jude seem to reference this event with that understanding in mind. It should be noted that, while the angels who remained loyal to God sometimes took human form after this event (always male), there are no Scriptural records of rebel angels ever doing so. Instead, they are described as "evil" or "unclean" spirit beings which interact with humanity by means of various occult practices, including demonic possession. These facts, when compared to Jesus' comments in Matthew 22:30, seems to indicate some divine prohibition, put into place around the time of the Flood, which prevented fallen angels from ever taking human form again.

²⁸ It intrigues me that the dates included within the Flood account indicate a calendar year of exactly 360 days. This renders a perfect, seven-year, repeating calendar consisting of 30-day (lunar) months set within 12-month (solar) years. It seems likely that the catastrophic nature of the Flood resulted in a less-than-perfect lunar month of about 29.5 days and a less-than-perfect solar year of roughly 365.25 days. The seven-year Sabbatical Cycle of Israel is probably all that remains as testimony to this perfect, pre-Flood, seven-year cycle.

²⁹ I believe that the numerical month designations used in the Flood story by Moses are from the more ancient calendar system, counted from a starting point in the Fall. I have adjusted my dates accordingly.

³⁰ I prefer the Greek text number here. The Masoretic Text used by the majority of English translations is "17."

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Between the Flood and Terah's Birth

The Establishment of Ancient Civilization:

Nimrod, Grandson of Ham, Establishes Cities in the Land of Shinar

□ Genesis 10:6-10

God Stops the Construction of the Tower of Babel³²

□ Genesis 11:1-9

Nimrod Establishes Cities in Assyria

□ Genesis 10:11-12

Hamites Establish Themselves in Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean Basin

□ Genesis 10:13-20

Japhethites Establish Themselves in Europe and Western Asia

□ Genesis 10:1-5

Shemites Establish Themselves in Mesopotamia and the Arabian Peninsula

□ Genesis 10:21-32

2236/35 BC

Haran born to Terah (70 years)

□ Genesis 11:26

2176/75 BC

Abram born to Terah (130 years)³³ at Ur of the Chaldees³⁴

2167/66 BC

Sarai born to Terah (139 years) at Ur of the Chaldees

During the Latter Half of the 2100's BC

Lot (and Milcah, the later wife of Nahor) born to Haran at Ur of the Chaldees

□ Genesis 11:27

Haran dies at Ur of the Chaldees

□ Genesis 11:28

Abram marries Sarai (his half-sister); Nahor marries Milcah (his niece)

□ Genesis 11:29-30

Abram First Called by "God Most High"³⁵

Terah & Nahor Also Adopt "God Most High" as their God³⁶

Terah Starts to Move His Entire Family from Ur to Canaan, But Settles at Haran³⁷

□ Genesis 11:31

³² Genesis 10:25 may indicate that the division of nations associated with the Tower of Babel happened around the time of Peleg's birth since his name means "division" in the Hebrew language. Peleg's father was Eber, the ancestral namesake of the "Hebrew" people.

³³ Based on his age of 75 years at the time of his father's death at the age of 205 (Genesis 11:32 and 12:4). Abram's older brother, Haran, would have been 60 years old.

³⁴ In quoting Nicolaus of Damascus, Josephus identified "the land of the Chaldeans" as being "the land above Babylon," meaning "upriver" (on the Euphrates River) from Babylon (Antiquities 1.7.2). This matches a long-standing tradition that Abram originated from a city now known as Şanlı-Urfa, Turkey, situated in the northern portion of the drainage basin for the Balikh River (a Euphrates tributary).

³⁵ Based on the fact that he was in Ur of the Chaldees at that time (per Genesis 15:7)

³⁶ Based on the fact that the Mizpah treaty (Genesis 31:53) between Jacob - the grandson of Abraham - and his father-in-law Laban - the grandson of Nahor, Abrahams' brother - makes reference to the "God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father (Terah)."

³⁷ Perhaps news of military activities in Canaan by the Mesopotamian Allies dissuaded him from going there.

2104/03 BC

The Mesopotamian Allies Begin Receiving Annual Tribute from the Cities of the Plain

□Genesis 14:1-4

2101/00 BC

After Terah's Death at Haran, Abram (75 years) Continues on to Canaan; Nahor remains in Haran

□Genesis 11:32-12:9

Between 2101 and 2091 BC

Abram Temporarily Moves to Egypt During a Famine in Canaan

□Genesis 12:10-13:1

After Returning to Canaan, Lot Separates Himself from Abram

□Genesis 13:2-13

Abram Moves to Hebron

□Genesis 13:14-18

2092/91 BC

The Cities of the Plain Rebel Against the Mesopotamian Allies

□Genesis 14:4

2091/90 BC

The Mesopotamian Allies Attack the Cities of the Plain

□Genesis 14:5-12

Abram Rescues Lot

□Genesis 14:6-24

God's Land Covenant with Abram (85 years)

□Genesis 15:1-21

The Controversy over Ishmael's Conception

□Genesis 16:1-14

2090/89 BC – Ishmael Born to Abram (86 years)

□Genesis 16:15-16

2077/76 BC

Abraham (99 years) Accepts the Covenant of Circumcision; Ishmael (13 years) Circumcised

□Genesis 17:1-27

Abraham Intercedes with God³⁸ on behalf of Sodom

□Genesis 18:1-33

Angels Rescue Lot before Destroying Sodom³⁹

□Genesis 19:1-38

After Moving from Hebron, Abraham Has Trouble with Abimelech of Gerar

□Genesis 20:1-18

³⁸ The text makes it very clear this is one of those rare occasions when God Himself temporarily took human form in order to personally interact with Abraham, accompanied by two angels who also appeared as men.

³⁹ The conception of Moab and Ben-ammi probably happened very shortly after the destruction of Sodom, when Lot's fearful withdrawal of his family from society made it seem unlikely to his daughters that their family line would survive. The later religious practices of both the Moabite and Ammonite ethnic groups included drunkenness and sexual activity intended to lead to pregnancy, although the children born as the result of such activity were burned alive as sacrifices to their false god, "Chemosh" "Molech" = "Destroyer" "King" (1 Kings 11:7; 2 Kings 23:10).

2076/75 BC – Isaac Born to Abraham (100 years) and Sarah (91 years)

□ Genesis 21:1-7

Probably in 2075 or 2074 BC

Ishmael and Hagar Dismissed from Abram's Camp⁴⁰

□ Genesis 21:8-21

Abraham Establishes the Beersheba Covenant with Abimelech of Gerar

□ Genesis 21:22-34

Between 2074 and 2039 BC - God Tests Abraham at Mt. Moriah⁴¹

□ Genesis 22:1-24

2039/38 BC - Abraham (136 years) Buries Sarah at Hebron

□ Genesis 23:1-20

2036/35 BC - Isaac (40 years) Marries Rebekah⁴²

□ Genesis 24:1-67 (cf. Genesis 25:19-20)

Probably Between 2036 and 2017 BC - Abraham Marries Keturah and Has More Sons

□ Genesis 25:1-4

2016/15 BC – Easau and Jacob Born to Isaac (60 years)⁴³

□ Genesis 25:21-26

Probably Between 2016 and 2001 BC - Abraham Sends His Other Sons Eastward⁴⁴

□ Genesis 25:5-6

2001/00 BC - Isaac (75 years) and Ishmael (89 years) Bury Abraham (175 years) at Hebron⁴⁵

□ Genesis 25:7-11

Probably Between 2001 and 1977 BC

Esau Sells His Birthright as Firstborn to Jacob

□ Genesis 25:27-34

Isaac Moves from Hebron to Gerar

□ Genesis 26:1-17

Isaac Re-establishes the Beersheba Covenant with Abimelech of Gerar

□ Genesis 26:18-33

⁴⁰ Ishmael would have been in his mid-teens at this time.

⁴¹ According to Josephus (Antiquities 1.13.2) Isaac was 25 years old at this time. If that is true, then it took place during 2051/50 BC, when Abraham was 125 years of age and Sarah 116.

⁴² Rebekah was Abraham's grandniece, and therefore Isaac's cousin (Genesis 22:20-24).

⁴³ Abraham was 160 years old when his twin grandsons were born.

⁴⁴ In doing so, Abraham indicated that only Isaac's line had a legitimate right to the "Promised Land" of Canaan. Abraham's other descendants established their own territories east of the Jordan River.

⁴⁵ Abraham's twin grandsons were 15 years old when their grandfather died.

Beginning in 1976/75 BC - Esau (40 years) Marries Canaanite Women

□ Genesis 26:34-35

1953/52 BC – The Death of Ishmael (137 years)⁴⁶

□ Genesis 25:12-18

1939/38 BC

Jacob Deceives Isaac (137 years) To Gain the Firstborn Blessing

□ Genesis 27:1-41

Jacob (77 years)⁴⁷ Sent to Haran To Find a Wife Among His Relatives

□ Genesis 27:42-28:7

Esau Marries an Ishmaelite In Order To Please His Parents

□ Genesis 28:8-9

Jacob Experiences a Vision of God at Bethel

□ Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob Covenants with Laban To Acquire Rachel as His Wife⁴⁸

□ Genesis 29:1-19

1932/31 BC - Jacob (84 years) Deceived into Marrying Rachel's Sister Leah First

□ Genesis 29:20-30

1931/30 BC

Reuben (Son #1) Born to Leah

□ Genesis 29:31-32

1930/29 BC

Simeon (Son #2) Born to Leah

□ Genesis 29:33

1929/28 BC

Levi (Son #3) Born to Leah

□ Genesis 29:34

Rachel Insists that Jacob take Bilhah as Her Surrogate in Bearing Children

□ Genesis 30:1-4

Judah (Son #4) Born to Leah

□ Genesis 29:35

Dan (Son #5) Born to Bilhah (For Rachel)

□ Genesis 30:5-6

⁴⁶ Ishmael's descendants established and operated trade routes between the lands of Midian, Gilead, Canaan and Egypt [Genesis 37:25-28; 39:1; Judges 6:1-8:28 (noting specifically 8:24)].

⁴⁷ It would appear that the long lives of the patriarchs were accompanied by (according to our modern standards) a delay in both marriage and child rearing. Although Jacob seems to have delayed even longer than the norm for his generation (his father and brother both married at age 40), he should not be considered excessively old at age 77 since he lived on to be 147. This would be roughly equivalent to a modern man delaying marriage until age 37 and then living on to be 70.

⁴⁸ Laban was Jacob's maternal uncle, making Rachel his cousin.

1928/27 BC

Rachel Insists Jacob take Zilpah as Her Surrogate in Bearing Children

□ Genesis 30:9

Naphtali (Son #6) Born to Bilhah (For Rachel)

□ Genesis 30:7-8

Gad (Son #7) Born to Zilpah (For Leah)

□ Genesis 30:10-11

1927/26 BC

3*? (Wheat Harvest) – Leah “hires” Jacob with Reuben’s Mandrakes

□ Genesis 30:14-16

Asher (Son # 8) Born to Zilpah (For Leah)

□ Genesis 30:12-13

12*?⁴⁹ - Issachar (Son #9) Born to Leah

□ Genesis 30:17-18

1926/25 BC

Zebulun (Son #10) Born to Leah

□ Genesis 30:19-20

1925/24 BC

Dinah Probably Born to Leah

□ Genesis 30:21

Joseph (Son #11) Born to Jacob (91 years), via Rachel

□ Genesis 30:22-24

Jacob Covenants with Laban to Continue Serving Him

□ Genesis 30:25-36

Between 1925 and 1919 BC – Jacob Prospers by Divine Guidance

□ Genesis 30:37-43 (cf. 31:9-13)

1919/18 BC

Jacob (97 years) Terminates His 20-Year Service to Laban

□ Genesis 31:1-55

Concerned about Seeing Esau, Jacob “Struggles” with God’s Angel, Gaining the name “Israel”⁵⁰

□ Genesis 32:1-32

Jacob Reconciles with Esau near Penuel

□ Genesis 33:1-15

Esau Returns to Mt. Seir⁵¹

□ Genesis 33:16

Jacob Camps at Succoth

□ Genesis 33:17

⁴⁹ Based on the fact that he was conceived sometime during wheat harvest (approximately the 3rd Jewish month).

⁵⁰ The Hebrew name “Israel” means, “Struggles with El (God).”

⁵¹ Esau was also known as Edom. He and his descendants occupied the territory south of the Dead Sea, which was formerly held by the descendants of Seir the Horite (Genesis 36:1-43), and which was later called Edom.

Between 1919 and 1908 BC

Jacob Camps at Shechem

□ Genesis 33:18-20

Probably 1909 BC

Trouble at Shechem⁵²

□ Genesis 34:1-31

Jacob Returns to Bethel

□ Genesis 35:1-15

Rachel Dies Giving Birth to Benjamin (Son #12) on the way to Bethlehem

□ Genesis 35:16-20

Jacob Moves to Hebron

□ Genesis 35:21-27

1908/07 BC - Joseph (17 years) Sold into Slavery by His Brothers⁵³

□ Genesis 37:1-36

While Joseph Was in Egypt - Judah Becomes the Father of Perez and Zerah

□ Genesis 38:1-30

Between 1908 and 1897 BC

Joseph's Life as the Slave of Potiphar

□ Genesis 39:1-20

Joseph's Life as a Prison Trustee

□ Genesis 39:21-23

1897/96 BC - Joseph (28 years old) Interprets Dreams for Members of Pharaoh's Court

□ Genesis 40:1-23

1896/95 BC - Esau and Jacob (120 years) Bury Isaac (180 years) at Hebron

□ Genesis 35:28-29

1895/94 BC - Joseph (30 years) Appointed Administrator of Pharaoh's Kingdom⁵⁴

□ Genesis 41:1-46

Between 1894 and 1888 BC - Joseph Stores Grain

□ Genesis 41:47-52

1887/86 BC = 1st Year of the Famine

Joseph (38 years) Sells Grain as the Seven Year Famine Begins

□ Genesis 41:53-57

Joseph Keeps His Identity Secret from His Brothers

□ Genesis 42:1-38

⁵² Dinah was at least a teenager at the time of this incident. She would have been around 16 in 1909 BC.

⁵³ Jacob was 108 years old when Joseph was sold into slavery.

⁵⁴ Joseph began his service under Senusret II (1897–1878 BC). This 12th Dynasty Pharaoh is known for his extensive work in the Faiyum oasis region (about 40 miles SW of Cairo) with the intention of significantly increasing agricultural production.

1886/85 BC = 2nd Year of the Famine

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

□ Genesis 43:1-45:28

Jacob (130 years) Moves His Family to Egypt

□ Genesis 46:1-47:12

Beginning in 1886 BC - Joseph Brings All of Egypt under the Authority of Pharaoh⁵⁵

□ Genesis 47:13-26

1869/68 BC

Jacob's Final Words and Death in Egypt

□ Genesis 47:27-49:33

Joseph (56 years) and His Brothers Bury Jacob (147 years) at Hebron

□ Genesis 50:1-14

Joseph Covenants To Care for His Brothers

□ Genesis 50:15-21

1815/14 BC - Joseph's Final Words and Death in Egypt

□ Genesis 50:22-26

1792/91 BC – Levi (137 years) Dies In Egypt

□ Per Exodus 6:16

JOB recounts the supernatural testing of Job, a resident of Uz (1:1).⁵⁶ Two of the men mentioned in this book were descendants of Abraham - Eliphaz the Temanite⁵⁷ and Bildad the Shuhite⁵⁸ - clearly indicating a date after the time of Abraham. Since there is no mention of the nation of Israel, I think it probably predates their Exodus from Egypt.

□ Job 1:1-42:17⁵⁹

⁵⁵ Senusret III (1878 – 1839 BC) is generally credited with bringing all of Egypt under the control of the crown. His father, Senusret II (1897–1878 BC), inaugurated extensive irrigation works at Faiyum, which were finally completed by his grandson Amenemhat III (1860–1814 BC). Joseph probably served all three of these Pharaohs.

⁵⁶ Uz was located somewhere east of the Jordan (1:3), where Abraham sent all his sons, other than Isaac, in order for them to establish their own territories (Genesis 25:6). It may have been named by, or perhaps in honor of, the firstborn son of Abram's brother Nahor (Job 32:2; Genesis 22:20). According to Lamentations 4:21, it included the region of Mt. Seir/Edom (Lamentations 4:21).

⁵⁷ Either via Ishmael (Genesis 25:14) or via Esau (36:11).

⁵⁸ Via Keturah (Genesis 25:2).

⁵⁹ Despite what is indicated by footnotes in some modern Bible versions, the animals referred to by God as evidence of His unique creative abilities – *Behemoth* (40:15) and *Leviathan* (41:1) – have no English equivalent. Even though the Greek-speaking Jews who produced the Septuagint were certainly familiar with both the hippopotamus and the crocodile, they elected not to identify them as the creatures mentioned to Job, using instead the terms *therion* (“beast”) and *drakon* (“dragon”). Given the descriptions, I think it very likely that these animals were two types of what we now call *dinosaurs*.

We now return to the foundational books of Moses. EXODUS deals with events leading up to and during the first two years of Israel's Exodus from Egypt. LEVITICUS focuses upon the establishment of the Tabernacle and the Priesthood during the 2nd Year of the Exodus. NUMBERS tackles a variety of events and topics from the 2nd and 40th Years of the Exodus.

Sometime After 1800 BC – Israelis Enslaved⁶⁰

□Exodus 1:1-14

1570 BC – Ahmose I drives the Hyksos out of Egypt, establishing the 18th dynasty

1546 BC – Ahmose I dies; Amenhotep I becomes Pharaoh of Egypt

1536/35 BC - Moses Rescued from the Nile by Pharaoh's Daughter

□Exodus 1:15-2:10

1526 BC – Amenhotep I dies; Thutmose I becomes Pharaoh of Egypt

1513 BC – Thutmose I dies; Thutmose II becomes Pharaoh of Egypt⁶¹

1499 BC – Thutmose II dies; Hatshepsut acts as Pharaoh, since Thutmose III is a baby

1496/95 BC - Moses (40 years) Escapes to Midian after Killing an Egyptian

□Exodus 2:11-25

1458 BC – Hatshepsut dies (Exodus 2:23); Thutmose III takes control of Egypt

1457/56 BC - *Yahweh*⁶² Commissions Moses To Lead the Exodus

□Exodus 3:1-4:26

Winter/Spring of 1456 BC – Demonstrations of *Yahweh*'s Power

□Exodus 4:27-11:10

⁶⁰ The "Twelfth" Dynasty with which Joseph was associated, died out in 1802 BC, only 13 years after his own passing. The following "pure blood" Egyptian "Thirteenth" Dynasty was so weak that it eventually lost control of the majority of the Nile Delta to a Semitic "Fourteenth" Dynasty (1802-1650 BC). Over time, another group of non-Egyptian rulers moved into the Delta from the Northeast, i.e., Canaan. This "Fifteenth" Dynasty (1650-1550 BC) is popularly known as the Hyksos ("Foreign Rulers"). The Hyksos pushed their control southward from the Delta along the Nile into "Upper Egypt."

Sometime in the first half of the 16th Century BC, Ahmose I, a member of the "pure blood" Egyptian royal family in "Upper Egypt" pushed northward along the Nile and, over time, completely defeated the Hyksos. He therefore established the "Eighteenth" Dynasty over all of Egypt, the "Sixteenth & Seventeenth" Dynasties being the "pure blood" Egyptian rulers at Thebes in "Upper Egypt" during the Hyksos Period.

It is possible that a Hyksos king was the Pharaoh who enslaved the Israelis, although it is just as possible that Ahmose was the one who did so.

⁶¹ The Kushites (Nubians) rebelled against this new Pharaoh, resulting in an Egyptian pacification effort. Josephus indicates (Antiquities 2.10) that Moses – who would have been in his early 20s – was given a leading role in this invasion of Kush (Greek = Ethiopia). The princess of Kush agreed to marry Moses as part of the resolution of the crisis, which would certainly better explain the "Cushite woman" Miriam was complaining about during the Exodus (Number 12:1). The princess must have sought out Moses after he'd returned to Egypt following his forty years in Midian, wishing to resume their marriage.

⁶² See Chart 5: *Yahweh* – The Covenant Name of God.

Chart 5: *Yahweh* - The Covenant Name of God

During the Mosaic Period

When Moses asked which “god” he was to tell the Israelis had sent him to deliver them, the Creator instructed him to tell them that “**I AM**” had sent him to them; furthermore, that this was to be His covenant name with the nation of Israel from then on (Exodus 3:13-15).

However, instead of awkwardly referring to Himself as “**I AM**,” God had the Israelis refer to Him as, “**HE IS**.”⁶³ This name is represented by the following four consonants (“The Tetragrammaton”), first in the lettering of Moses’ day, followed by the somewhat more familiar, modern Hebrew lettering:

hwhy יהוה

Sometime Before the New Testament Period

At some point in their history, probably because of a strict understanding of Exodus 20:7, the Israelis began to verbally substitute a kingly title for the covenant name *Yahweh*.

יְהוָה (‘adown) = “Lord,” or more specifically, יְהוֹנָי (‘edonay) = “my Lord”

During the Masoretic Period

Until about AD 700, written Hebrew consisted only of consonants. When the *Masoretes* (European Jewish scribes) developed vowel markings (or “points”), they placed the vowel pointing from the kingly title, “My Lord” – יְהוֹנָי (A^e·D^o·N^aY) - upon the four consonants of the covenant name - YHWH - as a visual cue for readers to make the traditional substitution. In doing so, they produced a hybrid word that was never intended to be read aloud as it appeared in the text - יְהוָה Y^eH^oW^aH.

At the Beginning of the Protestant Era

Unfortunately, when German scholars began translating the Hebrew Old Testament into their own language during the 1500’s, they simply transliterated the covenant name exactly as they saw it written in the Masoretic text. English scholars, building on the German work, also failed to differentiate between the Masoretic reading cue and the actual covenant name. In fact, they compounded the error by ignoring the phonetic fact that the German letters “J” and “V” are technically equivalent to the English letters “Y” and “W.” Thus, most English Bibles ended up with a completely incorrect pronunciation of the covenant name – J^eH^oV^aH

Today

Rather than using the actual covenant name of *Yahweh*, most of today’s versions designate it with a specially formatted typeset of an initial capital L, with the rest of the word in slightly smaller capitals.⁶⁴

LORD

I prefer to either respectfully pronounce the name *Yahweh* or translate it literally with “HE WHO IS” as my own means of conforming to the spirit of Exodus 3:15.

⁶³ As a simple demonstration of this issue, imagine a devout believer answering the question of a non-believer, “Who is your god?” The answer “I AM,” comes across quite differently than “HE WHO IS.”

⁶⁴ You should check the introductory articles of your particular Bible version to see how its editors handled presentation of the covenant name.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1456 BC = The Year of the Exodus

1*14⁶⁵ - Festivals of Passover and Unleavened Bread Established

□Exodus 12:1-28

1*15⁶⁶ - Moses (80 years) Leads Israel out of Egypt, from Rameses⁶⁷

□Exodus 12:29-13:19 (cf. Numbers 33:1-4)

1*16 = Sabbath⁶⁸ - Sabbath Encampment at Succoth

□Numbers 33:5 (cf. Exodus 12:37)

1*17?⁶⁹

Israel Travels from Succoth to Etham

□Exodus 13:20-14:4 (cf. Numbers 33:6)

1*18?⁷⁰

Israel Travels from Etham to Migdol

□Exodus 14:1-4 (cf. Numbers 33:7)

1*19?⁷¹ – Israel Miraculously Crosses the Red Sea⁷²

□Exodus 14:5-15:21 (cf. Numbers 33:8a)

1*20-22? – Three days travel from the Red Sea to Marah

□Exodus 15:22 (cf. Numbers 33:8b)

1*22? - Water Miraculously Provided by *Yahweh* at Marah

□Exodus 15:23-26

1*23 = Sabbath⁷³ – Probable Sabbath Encampment at Marah

1*30 = Sabbath⁷⁴ – Possible Sabbath Encampment at Elim

□Exodus 15:27 (cf. Numbers 33:9)

2*8 = Sabbath⁷⁵ - Possible Sabbath Encampment Beside the Red Sea⁷⁶

□Numbers 33:10

⁶⁵ WED/THU 13/14 APR in 1456 BC.

⁶⁶ THU/FRI 14/15 APR in 1456 BC.

⁶⁷ The city of Rameses was not named after the later Pharaohs of that name (a historical misunderstanding that has led some to place the Exodus much later chronologically than what the Israeli record indicates), but after the Egyptian god “Ra.”

⁶⁸ FRI/SAT 15/16 APR in 1456 BC.

⁶⁹ SAT/SUN 16/17 APR in 1456 BC.

⁷⁰ SUN/MON 17/18 APR in 1456 BC.

⁷¹ MON/TUE 18/19 APR in 1456 BC.

⁷² I think that the crossing of the Red Sea may have occurred near the northern end of the Gulf of Suez. From Adabiya on the western shore to Uyan Musa on the eastern shore is just under ten miles, with a maximum depth of about 50 feet.

⁷³ FRI/SAT 22/23 APR in 1456 BC.

⁷⁴ FRI/SAT 29/30 APR in 1456 BC.

⁷⁵ FRI/SAT 6/7 MAY in 1456 BC.

⁷⁶ I believe this was probably near the northern tip of the Gulf of Aqaba, roughly 150 miles ESE of my suggested site for Israel’s miraculous crossing of the Red Sea near the northern tip of the Gulf of Suez. My suggested chronology accounts for about 16 potential travel days to cover that distance, which is not even an average of 10 miles per day.

1456/55 BC = The Year of the Exodus (continued)

2*15 - Sabbath⁷⁷ - Possible Sabbath Encampment in the Wilderness of Sin

□Exodus 16:1-12 (cf. Numbers 33:11)

2*16⁷⁸ – *Yahweh* Miraculously Provides Meat and *Manna*⁷⁹

□Exodus 16:13-19

2*17⁸⁰ - Leftover *Manna* Spoils

□Exodus 16:20

2*21⁸¹ – Double Ration of *Manna* Provided

□Exodus 16:21-23

2*22 - Sabbath⁸² – Sabbath Rest (Probably at the Wilderness of Sin site)

□Exodus 16:24-36

Between 2*23 and 2*28⁸³

Israel Travels from the Wilderness of Sin to Dophkah, then to Alush and finally to Rephidim

□Numbers 33:12-14 (cf. Exodus 17:1)

2*29 - Sabbath⁸⁴ – Sabbath Rest at Rephidim⁸⁵

Problems at Rephidim/Massah/Meribah

□Exodus 17:2-16

3*1⁸⁶ - Israeli Encampment Established at Mt. Sinai

Moses' Father-in-law Arrives with Zipporah and Moses' Two Sons

□Exodus 18:1-23, 27

□Exodus 19:1-2 (cf. Numbers 33:15)

Probably 3*5⁸⁷ - Moses Prepares Israel to Meet with *Yahweh*

□Exodus 19:3-15

3*6 - Sabbath⁸⁸ – Sabbath Rest

⁷⁷ FRI/SAT 13/14 MAY in 1456 BC.

⁷⁸ SAT/SUN 14/15 MAY in 1456 BC.

⁷⁹ Hebrew for “What is it?”

⁸⁰ SUN/MON 15/16 MAY in 1456 BC.

⁸¹ THU/FRI 19/20 MAY in 1456 BC.

⁸² FRI/SAT 20/21 MAY in 1456 BC.

⁸³ Between SAT/SUN 21/22 and THU/FRI 26/27 MAY in 1456 BC

⁸⁴ FRI/SAT 27/28 MAY in 1456 BC

⁸⁵ Rephidim was probably Israel's final Sabbath encampment site prior to their arrival at Mt. Sinai.

⁸⁶ SUN/MON 29/30 MAY in 1456 BC

⁸⁷ THU/FRI 2/3 JUN in 1456 BC.

⁸⁸ FRI/SAT 3/4 JUN in 1456 BC

1456/55 BC = The Year of the Exodus (continued)

Probably 3*7 = Pentecost⁸⁹

Yahweh Addresses Israel

☐ Exodus 19:16-20:21

Yahweh Gives Additional Instructions to Moses

☐ Exodus 20:22-24:4a

Probably 3*8⁹⁰ - Covenant Confirmed with Blood and a Fellowship Meal

☐ Exodus 24:4b-12

Probably 3*13⁹¹ [First Sabbath Since 10 Commandments Given]

☐ Numbers 15:32-34

Probably 3*14-3*20⁹² - Moses Waits for *Yahweh*

☐ Exodus 24:13-16a

Probably Between 3*21 and 4*30⁹³

Moses Spends 40 Days with *Yahweh*

☐ Exodus 24:16b-18

Moses Shown the Tabernacle Plan

☐ Exodus 25:1-27:21

Moses Given Instructions about the Priesthood

☐ Exodus 28:1-29:46

Moses Shown More of the Tabernacle Plan

☐ Exodus 30:1-31:11

Instructions Regarding the Sabbath

☐ Exodus 31:12-17 (cf. Numbers 15:35)

4*30⁹⁴ – Aaron Makes a Golden Calf to Represent *Yahweh*⁹⁵

☐ Exodus 32:1-5

5*1⁹⁶ - Moses Returns from Mt. Sinai

Yahweh Gives Moses the Two Stone Tablets Containing the 10 Commandments

☐ Exodus 31:18

Moses Destroys the Two Stone Tablets and the Golden Calf

☐ Exodus 32:6-29

⁸⁹ SAT/SUN 4/5 JUN in 1456 BC. Jewish tradition places this event on Pentecost.

⁹⁰ SUN/MON 5/6 JUN in 1456 BC.

⁹¹ FRI/SAT 10/11 JUN in 1456 BC

⁹² SUN/MON 11/12 JUN – FRI/SAT 17/18 JUN in 1456 BC

⁹³ Between SAT/SUN 18/19 JUN and WED/THU 27/28 JUL in 1456 BC.

⁹⁴ WED/THU 27/28 JUL in 1456 BC.

⁹⁵ Aaron clearly intended the calf to be a physical representation of *Yahweh* - the unseen God who had brought Israel out of Egypt. This was an early attempt to worship *Yahweh* in the familiar manner of the idolatrous cultures of the world. Such attempts at syncretistic worship were never acceptable to *Yahweh*.

⁹⁶ THU/FRI 28/29 JUL in 1456 BC.

1456/55 BC = The Year of the Exodus (continued)

5*2 = Sabbath⁹⁷ - Moses Intercedes for Israel

□ Exodus 32:30-34:3

Between 5*3 and 6*14⁹⁸ - Moses Spends 40 More Days with *Yahweh*

□ Exodus 34:4-28

Probably 6*15⁹⁹

Moses Addresses Israel about the Covenant

□ Exodus 34:29-35

Sabbath Breaker Stoned¹⁰⁰

□ Exodus 35:1-3

□ Numbers 15:32-36

Special Instructions Regarding Remembrance Tassels

□ Numbers 15:37-41

Moses Addresses Israel about the Tabernacle

□ Exodus 35:4-20

During the Second Half of the Year

Elements of the Tabernacle Manufactured

□ Exodus 35:21-38:31

High Priestly Clothing Prepared

□ Exodus 39:1-43

⁹⁷ FRI/SAT 29/30 JUL in 1456 BC.

⁹⁸ Between SAT/SUN 30/31 JUL and WED/THU 7/8 SEP in 1456 BC.

⁹⁹ THU/FRI 8/9 SEP in 1456 BC.

¹⁰⁰ The violation probably took place on the first *Sabbath* after the *Sabbath* commandment was first given (Exodus 20:8-11), but before God could be consulted by Moses regarding the actual penalty for violating the Sabbath (Exodus 31:12-18).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1455 BC = 2nd Year of the Exodus

1*1¹⁰¹ - Tabernacle Assembled for the 1st Time

☐ Exodus 40:1-33 (cf. Numbers 7:1, 89-8:4)

Aaron and His Sons Anointed as Priests

☐ Leviticus 8:1-36 (cf. Exodus 40:31-32)

☐ Numbers 8:1-4

Dedicatory Gift from the Tribe of Judah

☐ Numbers 7:2-17

Aaron Dedicates the Levites for Tabernacle Service

☐ Numbers 8:5-26

☐ Numbers 3:5-13

1*2-7¹⁰² - Gifts from Issachar, Zebulun, Reuben, Simeon, Gad and Ephraim

☐ Numbers 7:18-53

1*8¹⁰³

Gift from the Tribe of Manasseh

☐ Numbers 7:54-59

Aaron Presents Offerings for the Tabernacle Dedication

☐ Leviticus 9:1-23a

Aaron Blesses the People

☐ Leviticus 9:23b

☐ Numbers 6:22-27

The Glory of *Yahweh* Appears in the Tabernacle; God's Fire Burns Up The Sacrifice

☐ Leviticus 9:23c-24 (cf. Exodus 40:34-38; Number 9:15-23)

Nadab and Abihu Struck Down by *Yahweh* After Offering "Strange" Fire

☐ Leviticus 10:1-20 (cf. Numbers 3:1-5)

1*9-12¹⁰⁴ - Gifts from Manasseh, Benjamin, Dan, Asher and Naphtali

☐ Numbers 7:60-88

1*14¹⁰⁵ – Israel Observes the Feast of Passover

☐ Numbers 9:1-14

2*1¹⁰⁶ - *Yahweh* Orders a Census of Israel

☐ Numbers 1:1-19¹⁰⁷

2*? – *Yahweh* Orders a Census of the Levites and Outlines Their Tabernacle Duties

☐ Numbers 3:14-16, 40-51

☐ Numbers 4:1-49

¹⁰¹ TUE/WED 18/19 APR in 1455 BC.

¹⁰² WED/THU 19/20 – MON/TUE 24/25 APR of 1455 BC.

¹⁰³ TUE/WED 25/26 APR of 1455 BC.

¹⁰⁴ WED/THU 26/27 – SAT/SUN 29/30 APR of 1455 BC.

¹⁰⁵ MON/TUE 1/2 MAY in 1455 BC.

¹⁰⁶ THU/FRI 18/19 MAY in 1455 BC.

¹⁰⁷ See **Chart 7**.

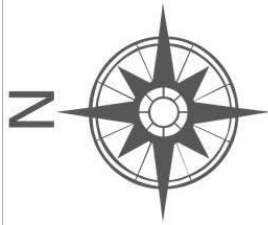
Chart 6: Sacrificial Guidelines For Priests

Summarized from Leviticus 1:1-7:38 (cf. Numbers 5:4-10; 15:1-31)

BURNT OFFERING	GRAIN OFFERING	PEACE OFFERING	SIN OFFERING	GUILT OFFERING
For Atonement	For Memorial	For Thanksgiving	For Confession	For Restitution
From Herd or Flock	Raw, Baked or Fried Fine Flour	From Herd or Flock	From Herd or Flock	Ram
Male		Male or Female	Male or Female	Male
Without Defect	Without Leaven or Honey	Without Defect	Without Defect	Without Defect
Blood: Sprinkled		Blood: Sprinkled	Blood: Sprinkled Before the Veil; Smeared on the Altar of Incense; Poured Out	Blood: Sprinkled
At the Altar		At the Altar	At the Altar Base	At the Altar
Washed Completely	Oil and Incense Added			Mandatory 120% Restitution
Entirely Burnt	Portion Burnt	Fat, Kidneys, & Gall Bladder Burnt	Fat, Kidneys, & Gall Bladder Burnt	Fat, Kidneys, & Gall Bladder Burnt
	Rest Eaten By Priests	Breast & Right Thigh Given to Priests, Rest Eaten By the Israeli	Rest Burnt Outside Camp	Rest Eaten By Priests, Hide Given to Officiating Priest
Poor May Substitute Doves			Poor May Substitute Doves/Grain	

Chart 7: 1st Census, Encampment and Order of March For Israel

Summarized from Numbers 1:1-4:49 (cf. Numbers 10:14-28)



NAPHTALI TRIBE
Ahira son of Enan
53,400
14th in order of march

DAN TRIBE
Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai
62,700
12th in order of march

ASHER TRIBE
Pagiel son of Ocran
41,500
13th in order of march

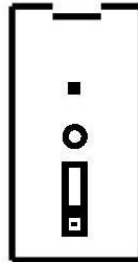
ISSACHAR TRIBE
Nethanel son of Zuar
54,400
2nd in order of march

GERSHON OF LEVI
Elisaph son of Lael
2,630 (20-50 years)
7,500 (over 1 month)
4th in order of march
Carries Tabernacle

BENJAMIN TRIBE
Abidan son of Gideon
35,400
11th in order of march

JUDAH TRIBE
Nahshon son of Amminadab
74,600
1st in order of march

PRIESTS OF LEVI
Aaron son of Amram
8th? in order of march



MERARI OF LEVI
Zurriel son of Abihail
3,200 (20-50 years)
6,200 (over 1 month)
4th in order of march
Carriers Tabernacle

EPHRAIM TRIBE
Elishama son of Ammihud
40,500
9th in order of march

ZEBULUN TRIBE
Eliab son of Helon
57,400
3rd in order of march

KOHATH OF LEVI
Elzaphan son of Uzziel
2,750 (20-50 years)
8,600 (over 1 month)
8th in order of march
Carries Holy Objects

MANASSEH TRIBE
Gamaliel son of Pedahzur
32,200
10th in order of march

SIMEON TRIBE
Shelumiel son of Zirishaddai
59,300
6th in order of march

REUBEN TRIBE
Elizur son of Shedeur
46,500
5th in order of march

GAD TRIBE
Eliashph son of Deuel
46,650
7th in order of march

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1455 BC = 2nd Year of the Exodus

Perhaps During the 2nd Month

Moses Given Special Instructions Regarding:

Diet, Childbirth, Leprosy, Sexual Cleanliness, Blood and Illicit Sex

☐ Leviticus 11:1-18:30

Holy Conduct Expected of the Israelis

☐ Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Holy Conduct Expected of the Priests

☐ Leviticus 21:1-22:33

The Mandatory Observances

☐ Leviticus 23:1-44

The Priestly Maintenance of the *Menorah* and Bread of the Presence

☐ Leviticus 24:1-9

Execution of a Blasphemer

☐ Leviticus 24:10-23

The Sabbatical Cycle

☐ Leviticus 25:1-26:46

All Unclean Persons Ordered Outside the Camp of Israel

☐ Numbers 5:1-4

Restitution

☐ Numbers 5:5-10

Suspected Adultery

☐ Numbers 5:11-31

Vows

☐ Numbers 6:1-21

☐ Leviticus 27:1-34

1455/54 BC = 2nd Year of the Exodus (continued)

2*14¹⁰⁸ - Alternate Passover Held (per Numbers 9:6-14)

2*? – *Yahweh* Orders Two Silver Trumpets Made

☐Numbers 10:1-10

2*20¹⁰⁹

After Sunset? - The Glory of *Yahweh* Moves from above the Tabernacle

☐Numbers 10:11

Next Day

Israel Departs Mt. Sinai, Following the Glory of *Yahweh* Toward Paran

☐Numbers 10:12-28

☐Numbers 10:29-32 (cf. Exodus 18:27)

☐Numbers 10:33-35 (cf. Numbers 33:16a)

2*21¹¹⁰ - *Yahweh* Executes Complainers at Taberah¹¹¹

☐Numbers 11:1-3

2*22¹¹² – Encampment at Kibroth-hattaavah after Three Days' Travel

☐Numbers 10:36 (per Numbers 10:33; cf. Numbers 33:16b)

2*23 = Sabbath¹¹³ - Sabbath Rest at Kibroth-hattaavah¹¹⁴

Late 2nd and/or Early 3rd Month¹¹⁵

Moses Establishes a Multi-Level Leadership Model

☐Numbers 11:4-30

☐Exodus 18:24-26 (cf. Deuteronomy 1:6-19)¹¹⁶

Yahweh Executes More Complainers at Kibroth-hattaavah

☐Numbers 11:31-35

During the 4th Month and 5th Months¹¹⁷

Miriam Struck with Leprosy at Hazeroth

☐Numbers 12:1-15 (cf. Numbers 33:17)

Encampment in the Wilderness of Paran/Kadesh-barnea

☐Numbers 12:16

Spies Sent into Canaan from the Wilderness of Paran/Kadesh-barnea

☐Numbers 13:1-20

¹⁰⁸ WED/THU 31 MAY/1 JUN in 1455 BC.

¹⁰⁹ TUE/WED 6/7 JUN in 1455 BC.

¹¹⁰ WED/THU 7/8 JUN in 1455 BC.

¹¹¹ Taberah was the midway point between Mt. Sinai and Kibroth-hattavah, therefore this event must have taken place at this time.

¹¹² THU/FRI 8/9 JUN in 1455 BC.

¹¹³ FRI/SAT 9/10 JUN in 1455 BC.

¹¹⁴ Israel followed the ark three days journey from Mt. Sinai in order “to seek out a resting place” – a phrase which I take as a reference to the weekly *Sabbath*. Kibroth-hattaavah is listed as the first encampment site after Mt. Sinai (Numbers 33:16).

¹¹⁵ 3*1 = FRI/SAT 16/17 JUN in 1455 BC. Although the text does not expressly state it, I think Israel may have remained at Kibroth-hattaavah for the entire month it took to consume the meat provided by *Yahweh*.

¹¹⁶ Moses apparently delayed implementing his father-in-law's advice until Israel departed Mt. Sinai.

¹¹⁷ 4*1 = SUN/MON 16/17 JUL in 1455 BC. 5*1 = MON/TUE 14/15 AUG IN 1455 BC.

1455/54 BC = 2nd Year of the Exodus (continued)

6th Month¹¹⁸

After Forty Days, the Spies Return with Their Report

□Numbers 13:21-33

Yahweh Judges Israel for Their Rebellion

□Numbers 14:1-45

Probably Shortly After Israel Was Refused Entrance Into Canaan By *Yahweh*¹¹⁹

The Rebellion of Korah and the Dedication of the Levites

□Numbers 16:1-18:32

Yahweh Orders Water Prepared for Ceremonial Cleansing

□Numbers 19:1-22

Between 1455 and 1417 BC - Israel Wanders in the Wilderness

□Numbers 33:18-36a

□Psalm 90 Written¹²⁰

¹¹⁸ 6*1 = WED/THU 13/14 SEP IN 1455 BC. The spies brought back a single cluster of grapes, indicating that it was the time of summer fruits, i.e., the 6th Month.

¹¹⁹ The exact placement of this event is uncertain.

¹²⁰ This is apparently the oldest psalm in the book of Psalms. Note its focus upon sin, judgment and the mortality of humanity, all of which were part of the Israeli wilderness experience.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1417 BC = 40th Year of the Exodus

1st Month¹²¹ – Israel Returns to Kadesh-barnea

☐Numbers 20:1a (cf. Numbers 33:36b)

During the 1st through 4th Months

The Death of Miram

☐Numbers 20:1b

Yahweh Rebukes Moses for His Attitude at Meribah

☐Numbers 20:2-13

Edom Refuses Safe Passage to Israel

☐Numbers 20:14-21

Israel Encamps at Mt. Hor

☐Numbers 20:22 (Numbers 33:37)

5*1 = Sabbath¹²² - Death of Aaron (123 years)

☐Numbers 20:23-29 (cf. Numbers 33:38-39)

During the 6th through 10th Months

Israel Repels an Attack by Arad

☐Numbers 21:1-3 (cf. Numbers 33:40)

Complainers Killed by Serpents at Punon

☐Numbers 21:4-9 (cf. Numbers 33:41-42)

Israel Travels from Punon, around Edom, to Mt. Pisgah/Nebo

☐Numbers 21:10-20 (cf. Numbers 33:43-47)

Israel Defeats the Amorites and the Bashanites

☐Numbers 21:21-35

Israel Encamps at Abel-shittim, beside the Jordan River

☐Numbers 33:48-49 (cf. Numbers 22:1)

Toward the End of the Year

The Story of Balaam the Prophet

☐Numbers 22:2-25:18

2nd Census Taken in Preparation for Allotment of the Land¹²³

☐Numbers 26:1-4, 52-56, 63-65

☐Numbers 27:1-11

Joshua Appointed to Succeed Moses

☐Numbers 27:12-23

Further Instructions Regarding Offerings, Festivals and Vows

☐Numbers 28:1-30:16

Retribution upon Balaam and the Midianites

☐Numbers 31:1-54

Trans-Jordan Region Assigned to Gad, Reuben and ½ of Manasseh

☐Numbers 32:1-42

Instructions Regarding the Occupation of Canaan

☐Numbers 33:50-36:13

¹²¹ 1*1 = SUN/MON 20/21 MAR in 1417 BC.

¹²² FRI/SAT 15/16 JUL in 1417 BC.

¹²³ See Chart 8: 2nd Census for Israel.

Chart 8 - 2nd Census for Israel

Summarized from Numbers 26:5-65 (cf. Numbers 34:16-28)

Tribe	Number of Males (over 20 years)	Tribal Leader	Gain or Loss Since 1st Census
Reuben (Trans-Jordan)	43,730	None listed	-2,770
Simeon	22,200	Samuel Son of Ammihud	-37,100
Gad (Trans-Jordan)	40,500	None listed	-5,150
Judah	76,500	Caleb Son of Jephunneh	+1,900
Issachar	54,300	Paltiel Son of Azzan	-100
Zebulun	60,500	Elizaphan Son of Parnach	+3,100
Ephraim	32,500	Kemuel Son of Shiphtan	-8,000
Manasseh	52,700	Hanniel Son of Ephod	+20,500
Benjamin	45,600	Elidad Son of Chislon	+10,200
Dan	64,400	Bukki Son of Jogli	+1,700
Asher	53,400	Ahihud Son of Shelomi	+11,900
Naphtali	45,400	Pedahel Son of Ammihud	+8,000
Levites	23,000 *124*		+1,000

¹²⁴ Over 1 month.

1417/16 BC = 40th Year of the Exodus (continued)

11*1¹²⁵ - Moses Delivers His Farewell Address to Israel (Deuteronomy 1:3)

DEUTERONOMY was the fifth and final book written by Moses. It is basically a transcript of his farewell address. Moses left specific instructions that it was to be read publicly during the Feast of Tabernacles at the start of each Sabbatical Year. His stated intention was that, through regular repetition of his summary of their wilderness experience, Israel would remain faithful to Yahweh (Deuteronomy 31:9-13).

□Deuteronomy 1:1-30:20

Before the End of the Year¹²⁶

The Song and Blessing of Moses

□Deuteronomy 31:14-33:29

The Death of Moses

□Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1416 BC = 41st Year of the Exodus

1*6¹²⁷ - Spies Escape from Jericho, Hiding for Three Days

□Joshua 2:1-22

1*7 = Sabbath¹²⁸ - People Ordered to Prepare for Crossing the Jordan in Three Days

□Joshua 1:1-18

1*9¹²⁹

Probably after Sunset - Spies Report to Joshua

□Joshua 2:23-24

During the Day - Israel Moves from Abel-shittim to the Bank of the Jordan River

□Joshua 3:1-6

1*10¹³⁰ - Israel Miraculously Crosses the Jordan

□Joshua 3:6-4:24

1*? - Circumcision Reestablished

□Joshua 5:1-9

1*14-21¹³¹ - 1st Passover/Unleavened Bread Observed in Canaan

□Joshua 5:10-12

After Feast of Firstfruits – Israel began harvesting the barley planted by the Canaanites

¹²⁵ MON/TUE 9/10 JAN in 1416 BC.

¹²⁶ 12*1 = WED/THU 8/9 FEB in 1416 BC. 13*1 = THU/FRI 9/10 MAR in 1416 BC.

¹²⁷ THU/FRI 13/14 APR in 1416 BC.

¹²⁸ FRI/SAT 14/15 APR in 1416 BC.

¹²⁹ SUN/MON 16/17 APR in 1416 BC.

¹³⁰ MON/TUE 17/18 APR in 1416 BC.

¹³¹ FRI/SAT 21/22 – FRI/SAT 28/29 APR in 1416 BC.

1416 BC = 41st Year of the Exodus (continued)

Possibly 1*23-29¹³²

Destruction of Jericho

□Joshua 5:13-6:27

Possibly During 2nd Month

Israel Routed at the Battle of Ai

□Joshua 7:1-26

Destruction of Ai

□Joshua 8:1-29

3*5¹³³ = Pentecost - The 40th anniversary of Israel's entrance into their covenant with *Yahweh*.

After Pentecost – Israel began harvesting the wheat planted by the Canaanites

During the Summer – Israel began harvesting the summer fruit of the Canaanites

7*1¹³⁴ = Feast of Trumpets

7*10¹³⁵ = Day of Atonement

7*15-22¹³⁶ = Feast of Tabernacles

Possibly During Israel's First Feast of Tabernacles in the Promised Land

Blessing/Cursing Ceremony at Mt. Ebal

□Joshua 8:30-35

Joseph's Bones Interred at Shechem

□Joshua 24:32

During the Fall – Israel planted their first grain crops in the Promised Land

Perhaps During 1416-15 BC

Story of the Gibeonites

□Joshua 9:1-10:28

Victories in Southern Canaan

□Joshua 10:29-43

Perhaps During 1414-11 BC

Victories in Northern Canaan

□Joshua 11:1-15

Joshua's Continued Military Activities in Canaan

□Joshua 11:16-12:24

¹³² SUN/MON 30 APR/1 MAY – SAT/SUN 6/7 MAY in 1416 BC.

¹³³ SAT/SUN 10/11 JUN in 1416 BC.

¹³⁴ MON/TUE 2/3 OCT 1416 BC

¹³⁵ THE/FRI 12/13 OCT 1416 BC

¹³⁶ MON/TUE 16/17 – MON/TUE 23/24 in OCT 1416 BC

JUDGES recounts the sinful and turbulent period of Israeli history from the final days of Joshua until the rise of the great prophet Samuel. The Twelve Tribes of Israel pretty much functioned as independent entities throughout this period.¹³⁷ The only things that loosely bound them together were the rituals of the Tabernacle and the occasional military alliances they formed against common enemies under the leadership of Spirit-led leaders known as “judges.”

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1410 BC = 47th Year of the Exodus¹³⁸

?? - Joshua Allots Land to Judah, Ephraim and Manasseh¹³⁹

□ Joshua 13:1-17:18

?? – Judah defeats Adoni-Bezek

□ Judges 1:1-7

?? – Judah burns Jerusalem

□ Judges 1:8-9

?? – Caleb takes Hebron from the Anakim

□ Judges 1:10

?? – Othniel captures Debir

□ Judges 1:11-15

?? – The Kenites move into Judah

□ Judges 1:16

?? – Judah takes possession of most of their allotted territory

□ Judges 1:17-20

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1410 BC = 1st Sabbatical Year

Probably in the 7th Month - Israel Gathers at Shiloh¹⁴⁰

Joshua Allots Land to the Remaining Tribes of Israel

□ Joshua 18:1-21:45

Trans-Jordan Tribes Released from their Military Commitment

□ Joshua 22:1-9

Joshua Dismisses Israel

□ Judges 2:6

Misunderstanding over a Duplicate Altar

□ Joshua 22:10-34

¹³⁷ In much the same way as our own Thirteen Colonies did prior to the American Revolution.

¹³⁸ This dating is based on Caleb’s comments in Joshua 14:6ff. Caleb was 40 years old during the middle of the 2nd Year of the Exodus. Forty-five years had passed since that time and he was now 85 years old, indicating that it was now the 47th Year of the Exodus.

¹³⁹ There is a reason these three tribes receive special consideration in the allotment of land. Judah was Jacob’s designated heir (Genesis 49:1-12), while Ephraim and Manasseh were Joseph’s sons, whom Jacob adopted as his own, promising them special treatment as his heirs (Genesis 48:1ff).

¹⁴⁰ I am of the opinion that this national gathering was in conjunction with Israel’s 1st Sabbatical Year.

Chart 9: Israeli Seven-Year Sabbatical Cycle

Detailed in Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 15

Shortly after Israel entered the land of Canaan in the spring of 1416 BC, the *manna* on which they had subsisted for the past forty years ended (Joshua 5:12), necessitating the planting of their very first crops during the fall of that year. This meant that the 1st Sabbatical Year began on 7*1 in the 47th Year of the Exodus. Subsequent Sabbatical Years began in the 7th Month of the following years:

1410	1403	1396	1389	1382	1375	1368	Jubilee 1 =	1367
1361	1354	1347	1340	1333	1326	1319	Jubilee 2 =	1318
1312	1305	1298	1291	1284	1277	1270	Jubilee 3 =	1269
1263	1256	1249	1242	1235	1228	1221	Jubilee 4 =	1220
1214	1207	1200	1193	1186	1179	1172	Jubilee 5 =	1171
1165	1158	1151	1144	1137	1130	1123	Jubilee 6 =	1122
1116	1109	1102	1095	1088	1081	1074	Jubilee 7 =	1073
1067	1060	1053	1046	1039	1032	1025	Jubilee 8 =	1024
1018	1011	1004	997	990	983	976	Jubilee 9 =	975
969	962	955	948	941	934	927	Jubilee 10 =	926
920	913	906	899	892	885	878	Jubilee 11 =	877
871	864	857	850	843	836	829	Jubilee 12 =	828
822	815	808	801	794	787	780	Jubilee 13 =	779
773	766	759	752	745	738	731	Jubilee 14 =	730
724	717	710	703	696	689	682	Jubilee 15 =	681
675	668	661	654	647	640	633	Jubilee 16 =	632
626	619	612	605	598	591	584	Jubilee 17 =	583
577	570	563	556	549	542	535	Jubilee 18 =	534
528	521	514	507	500	493	486	Jubilee 19 =	485
479	472	465	458	451 *141*	444	437	Jubilee 20 =	436
430	423	416	409	402	395	388	Jubilee 21 =	387
381	374	367	360	353	346	339	Jubilee 22 =	338
332	325	318	311	304	297	290	Jubilee 23 =	289
293	276	269	262	255	248	241	Jubilee 24 =	240
234	227	220	213	206	199	192	Jubilee 25 =	191
195	178	171	164 *142*	157	150	143	Jubilee 26 =	142
136 *143*	129	122	115	108	101	94	Jubilee 27 =	93
97	80	73	66	59	52	45	Jubilee 28 =	44
38 *144*	31	24	17	10	3 BC	AD 5	Jubilee 29 =	AD 6
AD 12	AD 19	AD 26	AD 33	AD 40	AD 47	AD 54	Jubilee 30 =	AD 55
AD 61	AD 68	AD 75	AD 82	AD 89	AD 96	AD 103	Jubilee 31 =	AD 104

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1972	1979	1986	1993	2000	2007	2014	Jubilee 70 =	2015 *146*
2021	2028	2035	2042	2049	2056	2063	Jubilee 71 =	2064

¹⁴¹ Indicated by the public reading of Deuteronomy during the 7th Month (Nehemiah 8:1ff; cf. 2:1; 6:15ff).

¹⁴² Specifically cited in 1 Maccabees 6:49,53 (cf. 1 Maccabees 6:20-63).

¹⁴³ Specifically cited in Antiquities 13.8.1-2 (cf. 1 Maccabees 16:14ff).

¹⁴⁴ Specifically cited in Antiquities 14.16.

¹⁴⁵ If, like me, you're curious as to where we're at on this cycle today, here's the information.

¹⁴⁶ The 70th Jubilee ended at sunset on Sunday, 2 October 2016.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1409 BC

7*1 – Sabbatical Year Over

Probably Beginning in 1408 BC - Israeli tribes fail to fully occupy their allotted territories¹⁴⁷

□ Judges 1:21-36

Early in Israel's Occupation of Canaan

Establishment of Northern Dan¹⁴⁸

□ Judges 17:1-18:31

The Angel of Yahweh Condemns Israel for Not Occupying The Promised Land

□ Judges 2:1-5

Approximately 1392 BC

Final Words and Death of Joshua¹⁴⁹

□ Joshua 23:1-24:31 (cf. Judges 2:7-9)

Death of Eleazar

□ Joshua 24:33 (cf. Judges 2:10)

Overview of the Period of the Judges¹⁵⁰

□ Judges 2:11-3:6

Approximated as 1391 through 1384 BC - 8 Years of Mesopotamian Oppression

□ Judges 3:7-8

Approximated as 1384 through 1345 BC - 40 Years of Peace under Othniel

□ Judges 3:9-11

During the High Priesthood of Phinehas – Near Extinction of Benjamite Tribe

□ Judges 19:1-21:25

Approximated as 1344 through 1327 BC - 18 Years of Moabite Oppression

□ Judges 3:12-14

¹⁴⁷ The Amarna tablets of this period contain warnings from the Canaanite vassals of Amenophis III and Amenophis IV (a.k.a. Ankhenaten) that the region was being taken over by the *'Apiru*. I believe that the military activities of Israel ("the Hebrews") prompted these warnings.

¹⁴⁸ The exact placement of this event is uncertain, but it appears to have occurred very early in Israel's history.

¹⁴⁹ Scripture does not provide a date for Joshua's death. According to Antiquities 5.1.29, Joshua died after leading Israel for 25 years beyond the death of Moses, so I will approximate his death at 1392 BC. Such a date would make him 45 years old in the 2nd Year of the Exodus, just a few years older than Caleb, his partner in the exploration of Canaan (Joshua 14:6-7; cf. Numbers 14:6-9).

¹⁵⁰ Because the total years of the oppressors and judges of this period, as given in the book of Judges, exceeds the number of years known to have passed between the Conquest of Canaan and the anointing of King Saul, this period presents some chronological challenges. It appears certain that some of the judges had overlapping periods of leadership, making it nearly impossible to affix authoritative dates to any of them. However, Scripture and extra-biblical sources do offer enough chronological clues that approximate dates may be assigned.

Approximated as 1327 through 1248 BC - 80 Years of Peace under Ehud and Shamgar

☐Judges 3:15-31

Approximated as 1247 through 1228 BC - 20 Years of Canaanite Oppression

☐Judges 4:1-3

Approximated as 1228 through 1189 BC - 40 Years of Peace under Barak and Deborah

☐Judges 4:4-5:31

Approximated as 1188 through 1182 BC - 7 Years of Midianite Oppression

☐Judges 6:1-6

Approximated as 1182 through 1143 BC - 40 Years of Peace under Gideon

☐Judges 6:7-8:28

RUTH details the meeting and marriage of King David's great-grandparents "during the days of the judges" (probably sometime during the 12th Century BC).

☐Ruth 1:1-4:22

Approximated as 1143 through 1141 BC - 3 Years of Oppression under Abimelech

☐Judges 8:29-9:57

Approximated as 1141 through 1119 BC – 23 (22) Years of Peace under Tola (Jair)¹⁵¹

☐Judges 10:1-5

Approximated as 1118 through 1101 BC - 18 Years of Ammonite Oppression¹⁵²

☐Judges 10:6-9

Approximated as 1101 through 1096 BC - 6 Years of Peace under Jephthah

☐Judges 10:10-12:7

Late in the Period of the Judges - Leadership of Ibzan, Elon and Abdon¹⁵³

☐Judges 12:8-15

¹⁵¹ I am of the opinion that Tola and Jair governed at the same time - Tola in the hill country of Ephraim (west of the Jordan) and Jair in Gilead (east of the Jordan).

¹⁵² I believe that Ammon invaded Gilead after the death of Jair, and the following year, after the death of Tola, Ammon began crossing the Jordan into Ephraim. Jephthah states that the Ammonite invasion of Gilead took place 300 years after Israel took over that territory in 1417 BC, i.e. 1118 BC (Judges 11:26).

¹⁵³ I would suggest that these three men were regional judges in Israel proper (west of the Jordan), whose overlapping periods of leadership began around the same time as Jephthah's leadership in Gilead (east of the Jordan). Their leadership would have continued into the early years of Eli's High Priesthood and the Philistine oppression.

The next six books in our Old Testament represent about 500 years of Israeli history. 1 & 2 SAMUEL record the swift transition from the tribal independence, so evident during the Period of the Judges, into the amazing unity of the early Kingdom Period, while 1 & 2 KINGS and 1 & 2 CHRONICLES pick up the story of the Israeli Kingdom from its inception under the great prophet Samuel, right through its tragic split into two separate kingdoms,¹⁵⁴ and from thence into the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities.

Approximated as 1096/95 through 1057/56 BC

40 Years Under the High Priesthood of Eli¹⁵⁵ and Philistine Oppression

□(Per 1 Samuel 4:18b)

□Judges 13:1

Birth and Early Life of Samuel

□1 Samuel 1:1-3:18

Birth of Samson

□Judges 13:2-24

Samuel's Prophetic Ministry at Shiloh

□1 Samuel 3:19-4:1a

Between 1076 and 1057 BC - The Exploits of Samson¹⁵⁶

□Judges 13:25-15:20

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1057 BC = 400th Year of the Exodus

Probably During the Spring and Summer - Capture and Death of Samson

□Judges 16:1-31

9*?¹⁵⁷ - Capture of the Ark and the Death of Eli¹⁵⁸

□1 Samuel 4:1b-22

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1056 BC = 401st Year of the Exodus

3*?¹⁵⁹ - Ark Returned to Israel and Housed at Kiriath-jearim¹⁶⁰

□1 Samuel 5:1-7:2

Perhaps During the Summer or Fall - Samuel Ends the Philistine Oppression

□1 Samuel 7:3-13a

¹⁵⁴ **KINGS** focuses mainly on events in the southern (Judean) kingdom, whereas **CHRONICLES** includes events in the northern (Israeli) kingdom as well.

¹⁵⁵ Eli's weakness as a spiritual leader probably contributed to the Philistine oppression that swept over Israel early in his High Priesthood.

¹⁵⁶ I believe that the judgeship of Samson took place during the second half of Eli's High Priesthood.

¹⁵⁷ 9*1 = WED/THU 21/22 NOV in 1057 BC.

¹⁵⁸ I am convinced that the Philistine mobilization during which the ark was captured was in direct retaliation for Samson's destruction of the Temple of Dagon at Gaza. The ultimate object of their wrath was the sacred city of Shiloh, where the Tabernacle had been located since the time of Joshua. Shiloh was subsequently destroyed (Psalm 78:58-64; cf. Jeremiah 7:12-15) and the Tabernacle eventually relocated to Gibeon (1 Chronicles 16:39).

¹⁵⁹ 3*1 = SAT/SUN 15/16 JUN in 1056 BC. The ark was returned during the wheat harvest, after being held in Philistia for seven months.

¹⁶⁰ The ark remained at Kiriath-jearim for the next 20 years, until it was brought temporarily to King Saul's military headquarters at Gibeon at the start of his war with the Philistines (1 Samuel 14:18).

Between 1055 and 1038 BC – Samuel Judges Israel

☐1 Samuel 7:13b-17

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1037 BC = 420th Year of the Exodus

Probably during the Spring or Summer

Israel Demands that Samuel Anoint a King¹⁶¹

☐1 Samuel 8:1-22

Samuel Privately Anoints Saul of Gibeah

☐1 Samuel 9:1-10:16

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1037 BC = 1st Year of King Saul¹⁶²

Probably in the 7th Month¹⁶³ - Samuel Publicly Anoints Saul

☐1 Samuel 10:17-27

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1036 BC = 421st Year of the Exodus

Spring - Saul Defeats Nahash the Ammonite

☐1 Samuel 11:1-14

3*?¹⁶⁴ - Kingdom Reconfirmed at Gilgal

☐1 Samuel 11:15-12:25

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1036 BC = 2nd Year of King Saul

Fall - Saul Leads Israel in a Successful Campaign Against the Philistines¹⁶⁵

☐1 Samuel 13:1-14:46

Summary of Saul's successful military campaigns

☐1 Samuel 14:47-52

¹⁶¹ Scripture gives two reasons for Israel's sudden demand for a king – the unjust actions of Samuel's sons at Beersheba (1 Samuel 8:4) and the military activities of Nahash the Ammonite (1 Samuel 12:12).

¹⁶² Contrary to the impression given by modern translations of 1 Samuel 13:1, extant manuscripts of the Old Testament do not reveal the length of Saul's reign. I believe that the forty years cited in Acts 13:21 refers to the total number of years passed under the leadership of both Samuel and Saul. Twenty years passed under Samuel's leadership from the return of the ark until the time of King Saul (1 Samuel 7:2). Then, according to Josephus, Saul ruled 18 years during the life of Samuel and two after his death (Antiquities 6.14.9). [It should be noted that Josephus cites just 12 years of leadership for Samuel prior to Saul's anointing (Antiquities 6.13.5), a figure which renders only 32 years for both Samuel and Saul, and which directly contradicts my understanding of Acts 13:21.]

¹⁶³ I subscribe to the thesis of Dr. Thiele that the Israeli regnal year was originally an accession, *Tishri* year (The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings, Chapter Two). I think it very likely that Saul was publicly anointed as king at the annual assembly of Israel in the 7th Month.

¹⁶⁴ 3*1 = SAT/SUN 4/5 JUN in 1036 BC. This ceremony of renewal took place during the wheat harvest, perhaps even during Pentecost = 3*8 (SAT/SUN 11/12 JUN in 1036 BC).

¹⁶⁵ The Hebrew text of 1 Samuel 13:1 seems to indicate, not how old Saul was when he began to reign, nor how long he reigned, but simply that this event happened in the 2nd Year of his reign.

Probably the Year Beginning 1*1 in 1035 BC = 422nd Year of the Exodus

Saul's Disobedience in the Amalekite War

❑1 Samuel 15:1-35

Samuel Privately Anoints David of Bethlehem (who is around 12 years of age)

❑1 Samuel 16:1-13

Perhaps the Year Beginning 7*1 in 1035 BC = 3rd Year of King Saul

David Contracted as Saul's Personal Attendant

❑1 Samuel 16:14-23

Probably Sometime in the Late 1030s BC

David (In his mid-teens?) Kills Goliath, Beginning His Military Career in Saul's Army

❑1 Samuel 17:1-54;¹⁶⁶ 18:1-16

David Offered Princess Merab as His Future Wife; He Refuses

❑1 Samuel 18:17-19

Sometime in the Early 1020s BC

David (In his late teens or early twenties) Marries Princess Michal

❑1 Samuel 18:20-29

David Very Successful in Battle

❑1 Samuel 18:30

Jonathan Saves David from Saul's Intention To Have Him Killed

❑1 Samuel 19:1-7

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1020 BC = 18th Year of King Saul

Probably Late in the Year

Michal Helps David (27 years) Escape from Saul

❑1 Samuel 19:8-17

❑Psalm 59¹⁶⁷

Samuel Helps David Escape from Saul

❑1 Samuel 19:18-24

Jonathan Attempts To Save David from Saul

❑1 Samuel 20:1-42

The High Priest Ahimelech Unwittingly Assists David and His Men

❑1 Samuel 21:1-10

David Fakes Insanity at Gath

❑1 Samuel 21:11-15

❑Psalms 34 and 56

¹⁶⁶ The Masoretic narrative of 1 Samuel 17:55-58, in which Saul is completely unaware of the identity of David, although he had been his personal attendant for some time, is not found in the Septuagint text.

¹⁶⁷ Like this one, some of David's Psalms have ancient superscriptions tying them to historic events. I have placed these Psalms with those events.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1019 BC = 438th Year of the Exodus

Probably During the 1st Month¹⁶⁸

Gadites Cross the Jordan In Order To Join David

❑ 1 Chronicles 12:8-15

David Joined by Supporters at the Cave of Adullam

❑ 1 Samuel 22:1-5

Saul Oversees the Murder of the Priests at Nob

❑ 1 Samuel 22:6-20

❑ Psalm 52

During the Summer¹⁶⁹ and Fall

David Defends Keilah from the Philistines

❑ 1 Samuel 22:21-23

❑ 1 Samuel 23:1-6

David Forced to Depart Keilah by Saul's Pursuit

❑ 1 Samuel 23:7-14

Jonathan Meets Secretly with David

❑ 1 Samuel 23:15-18

David Forced to Depart Ziph by Saul's Pursuit

❑ 1 Samuel 23:19-29

❑ Psalms 54 and 63

David Spares Saul's Life

❑ 1 Samuel 24:1-22

❑ Psalms 57 (cf. Psalm 108:1-5) and 142

Some Undated Psalms of David¹⁷⁰

Psalms 4, 7, 17, 23, 26-28, 35-36, 40, 58, 62, 64, 70, 86, 140-141, 143

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1018 BC = 439th Year of the Exodus

Probably During the Spring or Early Summer

The Death of Samuel

❑ 1 Samuel 25:1

Time of Sheep Shearing¹⁷¹ - The Story of Nabal and Abigail

❑ 1 Samuel 25:2-44

David Spares Saul's Life a Second Time

❑ 1 Samuel 26:1-25

David Seeks Asylum with Achish of Gath

❑ 1 Samuel 27:1-6

David Joined by Even More Supporters from Benjamin & Judah

❑ 1 Chronicles 12:1-7, 16-18

¹⁶⁸ Based on the fact that the Gadites joined David in the 1st Month.

¹⁶⁹ Based on the fact that the Philistines were stealing grain from the threshing floors (1 Samuel 23:1).

¹⁷⁰ Most of David's Psalms have no superscription tying them to any datable, historic event. I have tried to place these "Undated Psalms of David" near key events in David's life that would have evoked their emotional content; e.g., in this first case, it is the distress of Saul's unjustified persecution of David.

¹⁷¹ The shearing of sheep took place in the late spring or early summer.

During 1018 BC and 1017 BC - David's Military Activities in Philistia¹⁷²

□1 Samuel 27:7-12

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1018 BC = 20th Year of King Saul/57th Sabbatical Year

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1017 BC = 440th Year of Exodus

Late Summer or Early Fall - The Battle of Mount Gilboa

□1 Samuel 28:1-2

5 Days Before the Battle – David Dismissed by the Philistines

□1 Samuel 29:1-10

4 Days Before the Battle – David Departs for Ziklag, Being Joined by Manassites

□1 Samuel 29:11

□1 Chronicles 12:19-20

2 Days Before the Battle – David Arrives at Ziklag

□1 Samuel 30:1-15

The Day Before the Battle

David Defeats the Amalekites

□1 Samuel 30:16-20

Saul Inquires of the Medium at Endor

□1 Samuel 28:3-25

Day of the Battle

Saul and His Sons Killed

□1 Samuel 31:1-7 (cf. 1 Chronicles 10:1-7)

David Returns to Ziklag

□1 Samuel 30:21-31

1st Day After the Battle/2nd Day After David Returned to Ziklag

Bodies of Saul and His Sons Displayed at Beth-shan

□1 Samuel 31:8-10 (cf. 1 Chronicles 10:8-10)

2nd Day After the Battle/3rd Day After David Returned to Ziklag

Bodies of Saul and His Sons Rescued by the Men of Jabesh-gilead

□1 Samuel 31:11-13 (cf. 1 Chronicles 10:11-14)

David Informed of the Deaths of Saul and His Sons

□2 Samuel 1:1-27

Shortly After the Battle of Mount Gilboa

David (30 years old)¹⁷³ Anointed King of Judah at Hebron;

Ish-baal¹⁷⁴ (40 years old)¹⁷⁵ Anointed King over All Israel at Mahanaim in Gilead

□2 Samuel 2:1-10

¹⁷² The Masoretic Text puts David's time in Philistia at 1 year and 4 months, but according to the Septuagint, David was only in Philistia for four months. The LXX reading is probably a scribal error since its own rendering of Achish's later testimony (1 Samuel 29:3) makes it clear that David spent part of two calendar years in Philistia.

¹⁷³ David was born around 1047/46 BC, while Samuel was leading Israel as Seer. This would mean he was about ten years old when Saul became King of Israel.

¹⁷⁴ Chronicles 8:33. Apparently, the name component *-ba'al* (the Canaanite word for "Lord," used in Saul's time in reference to *Yahweh*) was changed by later scribes to *-bosheth* (the Hebrew word for "shame") because of its later association with the Sidonian storm god.

¹⁷⁵ Ish-baal was born sometime in 1057/56 BC, during the final year of Eli's High Priesthood.

During 1017 and 1015 BC – Civil War between David and Ish-baal

☐2 Samuel 2:12-3:1

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1016 BC = 2nd Year of David and Ish-baal

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1015 BC = 442nd Year of the Exodus

Probably During the Spring or Summer

After Defecting to David, Abner Is Murdered by Joab

☐2 Samuel 3:7-39

Ish-Baal (42 years) Assassinated

☐2 Samuel 4:1-12

David (32 years) Declared King over All Israel

☐1 Chronicles 12:23-38

☐2 Samuel 5:1-5 (cf. 1 Chronicles 11:1-3)

☐1 Chronicles 12:39-40

☐2 Samuel 22:1-51 (cf. Psalm 18)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1011 BC = 7th Year of David/58th Sabbatical Year

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1010 BC = 8th Year of David

Year Beginning 1*1 in 1009 BC = 448th Year of the Exodus

Late Spring or Early Summer - Jebus Captured by Joab and Renamed Jerusalem

☐2 Samuel 5:6-10 (cf. 1 Chronicles 11:4-9)

During the Summer¹⁷⁶

Uzzah Killed in an Attempt to Bring the Ark to Jerusalem

☐1 Chronicles 13:1-14 (cf. 2 Samuel 6:1-11)

David Begins Building a Palace with the Help of Hiram of Tyre

☐2 Samuel 5:11-12 (1 Chronicles 14:1-2)

Philistines Encamp in the Valley of Rephaim¹⁷⁷

☐2 Samuel 5:17-18 (cf. 1 Chronicles 14:8-9)

☐1 Chronicles 11:15-19 (cf. 2 Samuel 23:13-17)

David Defeats the Philistines

☐2 Samuel 5:19-21 (cf. 1 Chronicles 14:10-12)

Philistines Encamp in the Valley of Rephaim a 2nd Time

☐1 Chronicles 14:13 (cf. 2 Samuel 5:22)

David Gains a Decisive Victory over the Philistines

☐1 Chronicles 14:14-17 (cf. 2 Samuel 5:23-25)

Late Summer or Early Fall - David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

☐1 Chronicles 15:1-16:43 (cf. 2 Samuel 6:12-23)

☐Psalms 24 and 30

¹⁷⁶ It was harvest time when the Philistines invaded the Valley of Rephaim (2 Samuel 23:13).

¹⁷⁷ I calculate that Solomon began construction on the Temple in the 4th year of his reign, immediately after his father's death. David ruled for seven years and six months at Hebron before capturing Jerusalem and making it the capital of all Israel. Civil war during the first two years of his reign made him little threat to the Philistines, and full consolidation of the tribes during the next five years was probably hampered by Joab's murder of Abner, so the Philistines probably adopted a wait and see attitude toward the new Israeli king. However, the capture of the Jebus fortress, which had been under Canaanite control since the death of Joshua, signaled that David intended to fulfill the ancient Israeli directive to occupy all of Canaan – Philistia included. No doubt this would have prompted the Philistines to take immediate military action against the new Israeli capital.

During the Early Part of David's Reign at Jerusalem

David's Desire to Build a Temple

❑2 Samuel 7:1-29 (1 Chronicles 17:1-27)

David's Successful Military Campaigns

❑2 Samuel 8:1-14 (cf. 1 Chronicles 18:1-13)

❑Psalm 60 (cf. Psalm 108:6-13)

Some More Undated Psalms of David

❑Psalms 8, 19-21, 101, 103, 110, 139, 144

❑Psalm 145 (An Acrostic Psalm)

Some Anonymous Acrostic Psalms

❑Psalms 111, 112 and 119

Year Beginning 7*1 in 1004 BC = 14th Year of David/59th Sabbatical Year

Perhaps During 1004/03 BC – David Seeks Out Merib-baal¹⁷⁸

❑2 Samuel 9:1-13

Perhaps during the Summer of 1002 BC

David Inquires of *Yahweh* About a Three-Year Famine¹⁷⁹

❑2 Samuel 21:1-6

Saul's Sons and Grandsons Executed

❑2 Samuel 21:7-14

Approximated¹⁸⁰ as 998/97 BC = 1st Year of Israel's Campaign Against Ammon

David's Servants Insulted

❑2 Samuel 10:1-5 (cf. 1 Chronicles 19:1-5)

Israel Defeats the Armies of a Moab-Aram Alliance

❑2 Samuel 10:6-19 (cf. 1 Chronicles 19:6-19)

¹⁷⁸ 1 Chronicles 8:34. This man's proper name Merib-baal ("The Lord is my advocate") was probably changed by later scribes to Mephi-bosheth ("Shatter the shame[ful thing]") because the term *-ba'al* was later associated exclusively with the Baal of idolatry, as was done with his uncle Ish-baal (Ish-bosheth). He was five years old when his father Jonathan was killed in the fall of 1018 BC (2 Samuel 4:4). He was now a grown man with a young son of his own. David may have considered the Sabbatical Year as the perfect opportunity to demonstrate his loving regard for his late friend Jonathan.

¹⁷⁹ Exact placement of this event is uncertain. Because it is related to the crimes of King Saul it must have occurred early in the reign of King David. A significantly devastating type of three-year famine would have had a Sabbatical Year as its center year, so I imagine this famine as having ruined the pre-Sabbatical harvest of 1004 BC, having stunted the volunteer crop of 1003 BC, and finally being in the process of burning up the crop of 1002 BC whenever David made his inquiry.

¹⁸⁰ My approximations are based on backdating through all the events prior to David's appointment of Solomon as Crown Prince of Israel.

Chart 10 - Prominent Leaders in David's Kingdom

From 2 Samuel 8:15-18; 20:23-26 (cf. 1 Chronicles 18:12-17)

Chief Advisors

- ✧ **Commander of the Army** - Joab the son of Zeruiah
- ✧ **Recorder** – Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud
- ✧ **Priests** - Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar
- ✧ **Scribe** – Seraiah (Later replaced by Sheva)
- ✧ **Head of David's Bodyguard** (*Kerethim*¹⁸¹ and *Pelethim*¹⁸²) - Benaiah the son of Jehoiada
- ✧ **Head of Forced Labor** – Adoram
- ✧ **David's Personal Priest** – Ira the Jairite

1st Tier of Army Leaders (2 Samuel 23:8-14; cf. 1 Chronicles 11:10-19)

These were the three men who broke through the Philistine lines just so David could have a drink of water from a well in Bethlehem (2 Samuel 23:17; cf. 1 Chronicles 11:15-19)

- ✧ Jashobeam – Killed hundreds of men in a single battle.
- ✧ Eleazar – One of three who stood fast with David in a battle where the majority fled.
- ✧ Shammah – He and David defended a field against the Philistines.

2nd Tier of Army Leaders – Chiefs of "The Thirty" (2 Samuel 23:15-23; 1 Chronicles 11:13-25)

- ✧ Abshai, Commander of "The Thirty" – Killed hundreds of men in a single battle, using only a spear.
- ✧ Benaiah, Commander of David's Personal Guard – Used a club to disarm an Egyptian spearman, killing him with his own weapon.
- ✧ Amasai (Amasa)¹⁸³ – He later supported Absalom's coup, but was forgiven by David. He was made commander of the Israeli army after Joab killed Absalom in direct violation of David's orders. Joab promptly killed Amasa, retaining command of the army until the accession of Solomon.

¹⁸¹ From the Hebrew verb *kareth* ("to cut"), often used in reference to the sacrificial ceremony sealing a covenant agreement. These men were probably the sworn bodyguards of King David.

¹⁸² From the Hebrew verb *peleth* ("to run fast"), used in the sense of running messages. These men were probably the military couriers of King David.

¹⁸³ Only two names are given for the 2nd Tier of Three, but 1 Chronicles 12:18 identifies Amasai as a leader of "The Thirty."

3rd Tier of Army Leaders - “The Thirty”¹⁸⁴ (2 Samuel 23:24-39; cf. 1 Chronicles 11:26-47)

1. Asahel the brother of Joab
2. Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem
3. Shammah (Shammoth) the Harodite
4. Elikah the Harodite (not in 1 Chronicles)
5. Helez the Paltite (Pelonite)
6. Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite
7. Abiezer the Anathothite
8. Mebunnai (Sibbecai) the Hushathite
9. Zalmon (Ilai) the Ahohite
10. Maharai the Netophathite
11. Heleb (Heled) the son of Baanah the Netophathite
12. Ittai (Ithai) the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin
13. Benaiah a Pirathonite
14. Hiddai (Hurai) of the brooks of Gaash
15. Abi-albon the Arbathite (not in 1 Chronicles)
16. Azmaveth the Barhumite (Baharumite)
17. Eliahba the Shaalbonite
18. An unnamed son of Jashen (Hashem)
19. An unnamed son of Jashen (Hashem)
20. Jonathan
21. Shammah (Shagee) the Hararite
22. Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite (Sacar the Hararite)
23. Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai (Eliphal the son of Ur)
24. (Hephre) the son of the Maacathite (Mecherathite)
25. Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite (Ahijah the Pelonite)
26. Hezro the Carmelite
27. Paarai the Arbite (Naari the Ezbai)
28. Igal (Joel) the son of Nathan of Zobah
29. Bani the Gadite (Mibhar son of Hagri)
30. Zelek the Ammonite, armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah
31. Naharai the Beerothite (Berothite), armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah
32. Ira the Ithrite
33. Gareb the Ithrite
34. Uriah the Hittite

At this point 2 Samuel 23:39b ends, citing “thirty-seven in all,” which includes the three men in the 2nd Tier of Army Leaders. 1 Chronicles 11:41ff appends the following names:

35. Zabab the son of Ahlai
36. Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him
37. Hanan the son of Maacah
38. Joshaphat the Mithnite
39. Uzziah the Ashterathite
40. Shama and
41. Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite
42. Jediahel the son of Shimri
43. Joha his brother, the Tizite
44. Eliel the Mahavite
45. Jeribai and
46. Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam
47. Ithmah the Moabite
48. Eliel and
49. Obed and
50. Jaasiel the Mezobaite

¹⁸⁴ There are obviously more than thirty names on this list, indicating that the designation was probably first established when the group consisted only of thirty men.

Approximated as 997/96 BC = 2nd Year of Israel's Campaign Against Ammon
During the Spring and Summer

David Orders Rabbah Besieged

❑2 Samuel 11:1 (cf. 1 Chronicles 20:1a)

David's Affair with Bathsheba

❑2 Samuel 11:2-27

Probably During the Winter¹⁸⁵

David Repents Upon Confrontation by Nathan

❑2 Samuel 12:1-15a

❑Psalm 51

David and Bathsheba's Son Dies Before Being Named

❑2 Samuel 12:15b-23

Psalms of David

❑Psalm 51

❑Psalm 32

Approximated as 996/95 BC = 3rd Year of Israel's Campaign Against Ammon

Solomon Born¹⁸⁶

❑2 Samuel 12:24-25

Rabbah Captured

❑2 Samuel 12:26-31 (cf. 1 Chronicles 20:1b-3)

Approximated as the Spring or Summer of 994 BC - The Rape of Tamar¹⁸⁷

❑2 Samuel 13:1-22

Approximated as the Spring or Summer¹⁸⁸ of 992 BC - Absalom Kills Amnon

❑2 Samuel 13:23-37

Approximated as the Spring of 989 BC - David Allows Absalom to Return to Judah

❑2 Samuel 13:38-14:24

Approximated as the Spring of 987 BC - David Allows Absalom to Return to Court

❑2 Samuel 14:25-33

Approximated as 987 through 983 BC - Absalom Gains Wide Support

❑2 Samuel 15:1-6

¹⁸⁵ Nine months after Bathsheba became pregnant.

¹⁸⁶ Several sons were born to David after he established the new Israeli capital at Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 14:3-7; 3:5-8; 2 Samuel 5:14-16), Solomon being the most significant among them. If, as I estimate, Solomon was born around 996/95 BC, he would have been about 15 years old when designated Crown Prince of Israel and about 18 years old when he assumed the full responsibilities of the throne after his father's death.

¹⁸⁷ David's sons, born to him at Hebron – Amnon, Absalom and Adonijah - were in their late teens or early twenties around this time.

¹⁸⁸ At the time of sheepshearing (2 Samuel 13:23).

Approximated as 983/82 BC¹⁸⁹

David Escapes Absalom's Coup

❑2 Samuel 15:7-17:29

❑Psalms 55, 69 and 109 (Against Ahithophel?)

❑Psalms 3 and 31

Absalom Killed by Joab

❑2 Samuel 18:1-19:8

David Returns to Jerusalem

❑2 Samuel 19:9-43

Sheba of Benjamin Attempts a Coup against David

❑2 Samuel 20:1-22

Approximated as the Spring and/or Summer of 982 BC

David Almost Killed During Philistine Uprising¹⁹⁰

❑2 Samuel 21:15-22 (cf. 1 Chronicles 20:4-8)

David Orders an Illicit Census¹⁹¹

❑2 Samuel 24:1-7 (cf. 1 Chronicles 21:1-4a)

Perhaps During the Winter of 982/81 BC - Abishag Becomes David's Nurse

❑1 Kings 1:1-4

Year Beginning 1*1 in 981 BC = 476th Year of the Exodus

Perhaps during the Spring or Summer

Israel Punished for King David's Sin

❑2 Samuel 24:8-25 (cf. 1 Chronicles 21:4b-30)

David Makes Preparations for the Building of the Temple by Solomon

❑1 Chronicles 22:1-19

Joab and Abiathar Declare Adonijah Crown Prince of Israel¹⁹²

❑1 Kings 1:5-10

David Has Solomon Declared Crown Prince

❑1 Kings 1:11-53 (cf. 1 Chronicles 23:1)

David Prepares to Turn the Kingdom Over to Solomon¹⁹³

❑1 Chronicles 23:2

¹⁸⁹ The Year beginning 7*1 in 983 BC was the 62nd Sabbatical Year. I would not find it altogether surprising that Absalom's coup was timed to coincide with such an important Israeli event.

¹⁹⁰ I believe that the Philistines saw the turmoil surrounding the coups of Absalom and Sheba as the perfect opportunity to regain their independence from Israeli dominance.

¹⁹¹ I place this event here because it seems very human for David, having just survived two coups, a Philistine uprising and being forced out of active military service, to give into Satan's temptation to evaluate the military strength of Israel.

¹⁹² Adonijah, as David's oldest surviving son, was the apparent heir to the throne. Perhaps because of the recent disasters associated with the aged king, Joab (the military leader of Israel), and Abiathar (the religious leader of Israel), were both willing to support his early coronation.

¹⁹³ See Chart 11: David's Organization of the Kingdom.

Chart 11 - David's Organization of the Kingdom

A. Temple Service (From 1 Chronicles 23:1ff; 24:1-25:31)

Sequence of Service	Priestly Division	Prophet/Musician Division (Clan)
1	Jehoiarib ¹⁹⁴	Joseph (Asaph)
2	Jedaiah	Gedaliah (Jeduthan)
3	Harim	Zaccur (Asaph)
4	Seorim	Izri (Jeduthan)
5	Malchijah	Nethaniah (Asaph)
6	Mijamin	Bukkiah (Heman)
7	Hakkoz	Jesharelah (Asaph)
8	Abijah ¹⁹⁵	Jeshaiah (Jeduthan)
9	Jeshua	Mattaniah (Jeduthan)
10	Shecaniah	Shimei (Jeduthan)
11	Eliashib	Azarel (Heman)
12	Jakim	Hashabiah (Jeduthan)
13	Huppah	Shubael (Heman)
14	Jeshebeab	Mattithiah (Heman)
15	Bilgah	Jeremoth (Heman)
16	Immer	Hananiah (Heman)
17	Hezir	Joshbekashah (Heman)
18	Happizzaz	Hanani (Heman)
19	Pethahiah	Mallothi (Heman)
20	Jehezkel	Eliathah (Heman)
21	Jachin	Hothir (Heman)
22	Gamul	Giddalti (Heman)
23	Delaiah	Mahazioth (Heman)
24	Maaziah	Romamti-ezer (Heman)

B. Temple Security (From 1 Chronicles 23:1ff; 26:1-19)

	East Gate	North Gate	South Gate (And Storehouses)	West Gate (And Road)
Officer(s)-in-Charge	Shelemiah	Zechariah, son of Shelemiah	Obed-edom (and his sons)	Shuppim & Hosah
Gate Guards Per Shift	Six	Four	Four	Two
Extra Guards Per Shift			Two (at storehouses)	Four (on the road)

¹⁹⁴ There is a Rabbinical tradition that the Jehoiarib Division was on duty when the Temple was destroyed on 7 (or 10) Ab [27 (or 30 July)] in 587 BC. If true, the rotational cycle could very well have begun with the Jehoiarib Division's first week of service being 12*29 in the 1st Year of Solomon (SAT/SUN 16/17 APR 980 BC) through 1*6 in the 1st Year of Solomon (FRI/SAT 22/23 APR 980 BC). This fits very well with my reconstruction of David's assistance to Solomon in the establishment of the Temple service schedules.

¹⁹⁵ Daily sacrifices, and weekly, divisional service ceased with the destruction of the 1st Temple. Daily sacrifices were resumed on 7*1 in 537 BC, but the cycle of weekly, divisional service was not reinstated until after the 2nd Temple was completed on 12*3 (WED/THU 9/10 FEB) in 515 BC (Ezra 6:15-18). If the cycle restarted the week after the Temple's completion, the Jehoiarib Division's first week of service would have been from 12*6 (SAT/SUN 12/13 FEB in 515 BC) until 12*12 (FRI/SAT 18/19 FEB in 515 BC). If this new cycle of service continued uninterrupted until the time of Zechariah - the father of John the Immerser - his Abijah Division would have been on duty from 12*5 (SAT/SUN 15/16 FEB) until 12*11 (FRI/SAT 21/22 FEB) in 8 BC. Had Elizabeth then become pregnant later in the 12th Month, she would have been in her sixth month at the start of the 6th Month in the following year. This also fits very well with my reconstruction of the earliest traditions regarding the timing of Jesus' birth.

C. Other Levitical Assignments (From 1 Chronicles 23:1ff; 27:20-32)

Duty	Officer(s)-in-Charge
General Temple Storage	Zetham and Joel, sons of Jehieli
Storage of Dedicated Battle Gifts	Shelomoth son of Zichri
Judges and Officers Throughout All Israel	Chenaniah and his sons (Izharites)
Levitical Duties (West of the Jordan)	Hashabiah and 1,700 relatives (Hebronites)
Levitical Duties (East of the Jordan)	Jerijah and 2,700 relatives (Hebronites)

D. Military Reserve Units on Duty in Jerusalem Each Month (1 Chronicles 27:1-12)

Sequence of Duty	Name of Commander (Compare to “The Thirty”)	Number on Duty
1	Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel from the sons of Perez	24,000
2	Dodai the Ahohite	24,000
3	Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest (succeeded by Ammizabad)	24,000
4	Asahel the brother of Joab (succeeded by Zebadiah)	24,000
5	Shamhuth the Izrahite	24,000
6	Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite	24,000
7	Helez the Pelonite of the sons of Ephraim	24,000
8	Sibbecai the Hushathite of the Zerahites	24,000
9	Abiezer the Anathothite of the Benjamites	24,000
10	Maharai the Netophathite of the Zerahites	24,000
11	Benaiah the Pirathonite of the sons of Ephraim	24,000
12	Heldai the Netophathite of Othniel	24,000

E. Tribal Leaders of Israel (1 Chronicles 27:16-22)

Tribe	Leader
Reuben	Eliezer the son of Zichri
Simeon	Shephatiah the son of Maacah
Levi	Hashabiah the son of Kemuel
Aaron	Zadok
Judah	Elihu, <i>one</i> of David’s brothers
Issachar	Omri the son of Michael
Naphtali	Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah
Zebulun	Jeremoth the son of Azriel
Ephraim	Hoshea the son of Azaziah
Half-tribe of Manasseh	Joel the son of Pedaiiah
Half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead	Iddo the son of Zechariah
Benjamin	Jaasiel the son of Abner
Dan	Azarel the son of Jeroham

F. Overseers of the King’s Property (1 Chronicles 27:25-31)

Assignment	Overseer
Storehouses in Jerusalem	Azmaveth the son of Adiel
Storehouses outside of Jerusalem	Jonathan the son of Uzziah
Agricultural workers	Ezri the son of Chelub
Vineyards	Shimei the Ramathite
Wine storage	Zabdi the Shiphmite
Olive and fig trees in the Shephelah foothills	Baal-hanan the Gederite
Olive oil storage	Joash
Cattle in the Sharon plain	Shitrai the Sharonite
Cattle in the valleys	Shaphat the son of Adlai
Camels	Obil the Ishmaelite
Donkeys	Jehdeiah the Meronothite
Sheep and goats	Jaziz the Hagrite

Year Beginning 7*1 in 981 BC = 37th Year of David/1st Year of Solomon

Probably During the 7th Month - Solomon's 2nd Coronation¹⁹⁶

☐ 1 Chronicles 28:1-29:25

☐ Psalm 2¹⁹⁷

More Undated Psalms of David

☐ Psalms 5-6, 9-16 (cf. 14 & 53), 25, 29, 37-39, 41, 61, 65-68, 86, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138

More Anonymous Psalms

☐ Psalms 1, 33, 42-50, 71

Year Beginning 1*1 in 978 BC = 479th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 978 BC = 40th Year of David/4th Year of Solomon

Probably During the Late Winter and/or Early Spring

David's Final Instructions, Death and Burial

☐ 1 Kings 2:1-11 (cf. 1 Chronicles 29:26-30)

Adonijah and Joab Executed; Abiathar Removed from the Priesthood

☐ 1 Kings 2:12-35 (cf. 2 Chronicles 1:1)

Shimei Confined to Jerusalem

☐ 1 Kings 2:36-38

Year Beginning 1*1 in 977 BC = 480th Year of the Exodus

During the Spring

Yahweh Appears to Solomon in a Dream

☐ 1 Kings 3:1-15 (cf. 2 Chronicles 1:2-13)

☐ Psalm 72

Solomon's Wisdom Demonstrated

☐ 1 Kings 3:16-28

Solomon's Covenant with Hiram of Tyre

☐ 1 Kings 5:1-12 (cf. 2 Chronicles 2:1a, 3-16)

Solomon's Labor Force

☐ 1 Kings 5:13-18 (cf. 2 Chronicles 2:2, 17-18)

2*2¹⁹⁸ - Foundation Laid

☐ 1 Kings 6:1 (cf. 2 Chronicles 3:1-2)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 976 BC = 6th Year of Solomon/63rd Sabbatical Year

Year Beginning 1*1 in 975 BC = 482nd Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 975 BC = 7th Year of Solomon/9th Year of Jubilee

Three Years after David's Death - Shimei Executed

☐ 1 Kings 2:39-46

¹⁹⁶ Solomon's coronation was probably confirmed during the annual assembly of Israel in the 7th Month.

¹⁹⁷ While being prophetic of Jesus' coronation as Christ (Acts 4:23-31), I think it likely that this Psalm was originally composed for Solomon's coronation.

¹⁹⁸ MON/TUE 14/15 APR in 977 BC.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 971 BC = 486th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 971 BC = 11th Year of Solomon

8*?¹⁹⁹ – Construction of Temple Completed; Finishing Work Begun

□1 Kings 6:2-38; 7:13-51 (cf. 2 Chronicles 3:3-5:1)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 970 BC = 487th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 970 BC = 12th Year of Solomon

7*8²⁰⁰ - Dedication of the Temple

Solomon Leads the Dedication Ceremony

□1 Kings 8:1-64 (cf. 2 Chronicles 5:2-7:7)

□Psalm 127

Regular Temple Worship Begins

□2 Chronicles 8:12-16 (cf. 1 Kings 9:25)

7*8-14²⁰¹ - Seven-Day Celebration

□1 Kings 8:65a (cf. 2 Chronicles 7:9b)

7*15-21 = Feast of Tabernacles²⁰²

□1 Kings 8:65b (cf. 2 Chronicles 7:8, 9c)

7*22²⁰³ - Solomon Blesses and Dismisses the People

□1 Kings 8:66 (2 Chronicles 7:9a, 10)

?? - *Yahweh* Speaks to Solomon a 2nd Time

□1 Kings 9:1-9 (cf. 2 Chronicles 7:11-22)

Some Undated Psalms

□Psalms 73, 76, 78, 81, 82, 84, 87, 88, 91-100, 104-107, 121, 125, 128, 130, 132, 134-136

During the Reign of Solomon - The Fame of Solomon's Wisdom

□1 Kings 4:29-34 (2 Chronicles 9:22-28)

Most of the book of PROVERBS is a collection of Solomon's own proverbs.²⁰⁴ The first nine chapters climax in an allegory that portrays the wisdom of *Yahweh* as a faithful wife and the foolishness of sin as an adulteress.

□Proverbs 1:1-24:34

While it is relatively certain that the SONG OF SONGS was written around the time of King Solomon, its human author and divine purpose are matters of debate. Some consider it an allegory of *Yahweh*'s love for Israel, while others see it simply as a poem (perhaps even an opera) about an Israeli romance.

□Songs of Songs 1:1-8:14

¹⁹⁹ 8*1 = FRI/SAT 31 OCT/1 NOV in 971 BC.

²⁰⁰ TUE/WED 29/30 SEP in 970 BC.

²⁰¹ TUE/WED 29/30 SEP – MON/TUE 5/6 OCT in 970 BC.

²⁰² TUE/WED 6/7 – MON/TUE 12/13 OCT in 970 BC.

²⁰³ TUE/WED 13/14 OCT in 970 BC.

²⁰⁴ More of Solomon's proverbs, along with the selected proverbs of other wise men, were appended to this collection during the reign of King Hezekiah (Proverbs 25:1).

Chart 12 - Solomon's Organization of the Kingdom

A. Chief Advisors (1 Kings 4:1-6)

- ✧ **High Priest** - Azariah the son of Zadok
- ✧ **Secretaries** - Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha
- ✧ **Recorder** - Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud
- ✧ **Head of the Israeli Army** – Benaiah the son of Jehoiada
- ✧ **Head Priests** - Zadok and Abiathar
- ✧ **Head of the Deputies** – Azariah the son of Nathan
- ✧ **King's Friend** - Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest
- ✧ **Head of the Royal Household** – Ahishar
- ✧ **Head of Forced Labor** – Adoniram the son of Abda

B. Regional Deputies Charged with Provisioning the Royal Household Each Month (1 Kings 4:7-19)

Sequence of Duty	Deputy	Region
1	Ben-hur	Hill country of Ephraim
2	Ben-deker	Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth-shemesh and Elonbeth-hanan
3	Ben-hesed	Arubboth, Socoh and all the land of Hepher
4	Ben-abinadab (married to Taphath, the daughter of Solomon)	The height of Dor
5	Baana the son of Ahilud	Taanach, Megiddo, Beth-shean, and to Abel-meholah as far as the other side of Jokmeam
6	Ben-geber	Ramoth-gilead, the towns of Jair, the region of Argob in Bashan
7	Ahinadab the son of Iddo	Mahanaim
8	Ahimaaz (married to Basemath, the daughter of Solomon)	Naphtali
9	Baana the son of Hushai	Asher and Bealoth
10	Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah	Issachar
11	Shimei the son of Ela	Benjamin
12	Geber the son of Uri	Gilead (the only deputy who <i>was</i> in the land)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 958 BC = 499th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 958 BC = 24th Year of Solomon

Solomon Completes His Own Palace²⁰⁵

❑1 Kings 7:1-12

❑1 Kings 9:10-11a, 24 (cf. 2 Chronicles 8:1, 11)

Hiram of Tyre Insulted by the Galilean Cities Given to Him by Solomon

❑1 Kings 9:11b-14 (cf. 2 Chronicles 8:2)

Other Projects

❑1 Kings 9:15-28 (cf. 2 Chronicles 8:3-18)

Sometime After the Completion of Solomon's Palace, But Before His Apostasy

Solomon Visited by the Queen of Sheba

❑1 Kings 10:1-13 (cf. 2 Chronicles 9:1-12)

Description of Solomon's Kingdom at the Time of the Queen's Visit

❑1 Kings 4:20-25 (cf. 2 Chronicles 9:26)²⁰⁶

❑1 Kings 10:14-29 (cf. 2 Chronicles 1:14-17; 9:13-25, 27-28; 1 Kings 4:26-28)

The Final Years of Solomon's Reign – His Apostasy and Adversaries

❑1 Kings 11:1-40

Year Beginning 7*1 in 942 BC = Solomon's 40th Year

Year Beginning 1*1 in 941 BC = 516th Year of the Exodus

Spring or Summer - Death and Burial of Solomon

❑1 Kings 11:41-43 (cf. 2 Chronicles 9:29-31)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 941 BC = Rehoboam's 1st Year/68th Sabbatical Year

Perhaps During the 7th Month²⁰⁷

Rehoboam (41 years)²⁰⁸ Declared King of Israel at Shechem

❑Kings 12:1-2 (cf. 2 Chronicles 10:1; 12:13b-14; 1 Kings 14:21)

Jeroboam Leads the Tribes of Israel in Rebellion against Rehoboam

❑1 Kings 12:2-24 (cf. 2 Chronicles 10:2-11:4)

Rehoboam Begins To Fortify Judah and Benjamin

❑2 Chronicles 11:5-12, 18-23

8*15²⁰⁹ - Jeroboam Inaugurates an Alternate Religious System

❑1 Kings 12:25-13:34

²⁰⁵ It took seven years for Solomon to build the Temple (4th–11th Years of his reign) and another thirteen years to build the palace (11th–24th of his reign) - a total of 20 years for these two, major building projects.

²⁰⁶ Having gained control of all the land promised to Abram (Genesis 15:18), Israel reached its geographical zenith during the reign of Solomon.

²⁰⁷ It is possible that Rehoboam's kingship was confirmed at Shechem during Israel's 7th Month celebrations.

²⁰⁸ Rehoboam was born around 982/81 BC, shortly before his father's coronation as Crown Prince.

²⁰⁹ SAT/SUN 12/13 NOV in 941 BC.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 940 BC = Jeroboam's 2nd Year²¹⁰/2nd Year of Israel

Priests and Levites Move from Israel to Judah

□2 Chronicles 11:13-17

Year Beginning 1*1 in 937 BC = Jeroboam's 5th Year/520th Year of the Exodus/5th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 937 BC = Rehoboam's 5th Year

After 3 Years of Levitical Support - Rehoboam Rebels Against God

□2 Chronicles 12:1

□1 Kings 14:22-24

Year Beginning 1*1 in 936 BC = Jeroboam's 6th Year/521st Year of the Exodus/6th Year of Israel

Probably During the Spring - Pharaoh Shoshenk Invades Judah

□1 Kings 14:25-28 (cf. 2 Chronicles 12:2-13a)

Later in Jeroboam's Reign - Death of Jeroboam's Son Abijah

□1 Kings 14:1-18

Year Beginning 7*1 in 925 BC = Rehoboam's 17th Year

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 924 BC = Jeroboam's 18th Year/533rd Year of the Exodus/
18th Year of Israel**

Spring or Summer - Death of Rehoboam/Accession of Abijam

□1 Kings 14:29-15:6 (2 Chronicles 12:15-13:2)

Sometime Between 924 and 922 BC - Abijam Captures Territory from Jeroboam

□2 Chronicles 13:3-21

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 922 BC = Jeroboam's 20th Year/535th Year of the Exodus/
20th Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 922 BC = 3rd Year of Abijam

Fall or Winter - Death of Abijam/Accession of Asa

□1 Kings 15:7-10 (2 Chronicles 13:22-14:1a)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 920 BC = Jeroboam's 22nd Year/537th Year of the Exodus/
22nd Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 920 BC = 2nd Year of Asa/71st Sabbatical Year

Fall or Winter – Death of Jeroboam/Accession of Nadab

□1 Kings 14:19-20

□1 Kings 15:25-26

Year Beginning 1*1 in 919 BC = Nadab's 2nd Year/538th Year of the Exodus/23rd Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 919 BC = 3rd Year of Asa

Fall or Winter - Nadab Assassinated by Baasha/Accession of Baasha

□1 Kings 15:27-31

Between 919 and 908 BC – Continued State of War between Israel and Judah

□1 Kings 15:32 (cf. 1 Kings 15:16)

²¹⁰ I agree with Theiele's view that the northern kingdom established a non-accession, *Nisan* regnal year.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 907 BC = 15th Year of Asa

Year Beginning 1*1 in 906 BC = 14th Year of Baasha/551st Year of the Exodus/36th Year of Israel

Spring - Judah Defeats Ethiopian Invaders

□2 Chronicles 14:8-15:7

3*?²¹¹ – Asa Leads a Ceremony of Covenant Renewal

□2 Chronicles 15:8-15

Year Beginning 7*1 in 906 BC = 16th Year of Asa/73rd Sabbatical Year

Between 906 and 896 BC - Asa's Reforms during Ten Years of Peace

□2 Chronicles 14:1b-7 (cf. 2 Chronicles 15:19; 1 Kings 15:11-12)

□2 Chronicles 15:16-18 (cf. 1 Kings 15:13-15)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 896 BC = 24th Year of Baasha/561st Year of the Exodus/46th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 896 BC = 26th Year of Asa²¹²

Fall or Winter

Israel Blockades Judah at Ramah

□1 Kings 15:17-22 (cf. 2 Chronicles 16:1-6)

Asa Persecutes Hanani the Seer and Others

□2 Chronicles 16:7-10

Prophecy of Jehu, son of Hanani, against Baasha of Israel

□1 Kings 16:1-4

Death of Baasha/Accession of Elah

□1 Kings 16:5-8

Year Beginning 1*1 in 895 BC = 2nd Year of Elah/562nd Year of the Exodus/47th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 895 BC = 27th Year of Asa

Fall or Winter

Elah Assassinated by Zimri/Accession of Zimri

□1 Kings 16:9-14

Besieged by Omri, Zimri Commits Suicide/Accession of Omri

□1 Kings 16:15-20

Between 895 and 890 BC - Civil War between Omri and Tibni

□1 Kings 16:21-22a

Year Beginning 7*1 in 891 BC = 31st Year of Asa

Year Beginning 1*1 in 890 BC = 6th Year of Omri/567th Year of the Exodus/52nd Year of Israel

Spring or Summer - Tibni Dies/Omri's Kingdom Firmly Established At Samaria

□1 Kings 16:22b-26

²¹¹ 3*1 = TUE/WED 9/10 MAY in 906 BC. (Pentecost fell on 3*5 = SAT/SUN 13/14 MAY.)

²¹² Since it is known that Baasha died in the 26th year of Asa, after 24 years of rule, 2 Chronicles 15:19 and 16:1 apparently contain unattested scribal errors which read the "35th" and "36th" Years of Asa rather than the "25th" and "26th" Years.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 884 BC = 12th Year of Omri/573rd Year of the Exodus/58th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 884 BC = 38th Year of Asa

Fall or Winter - Death of Omri/Accession of Ahab

□1 Kings 16:27-30

Beginning About 884 BC - Ahab and Jezebel Establish Baal Worship in Israel²¹³

□1 Kings 16:31-34

Year Beginning 1*1 in 883 BC = 2nd Year of Ahab/574th Year of the Exodus/59th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 883 BC = 39th Year of Asa

??? - Asa Contracts a Foot Disease

□2 Chronicles 16:11-12 (cf. 1 Kings 15:23)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 881 BC = 4th Year of Ahab/576th Year of the Exodus/61st Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 881 BC = 41st Year of Asa

Fall or Winter - Death of Asa/Accession of Jehoshaphat (35 years)²¹⁴

□2 Chronicles 16:13-14 (cf. 1 Kings 15:24)

□2 Chronicles 17:1-6 (cf. 1 Kings 22:41-43)

Unknown, But Probably Early - Jehoshaphat's Son Jehoram Marries Ahab's Daughter Athaliah

□2 Chronicles 18:1 (cf. 1 Kings 22:44; 2 Kings 8:18; 2 Chronicles 21:6)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 878 BC = 7th Year of Ahab/579th Year of the Exodus/64th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 878 BC = 3rd Year of Jehoshaphat/77th Sabbatical Year

Probably in the 7th Month - Religious Teachers Sent Throughout Judah²¹⁵

□2 Chronicles 17:7-9

□1 Kings 22:46

Year Beginning 1*1 in 877 BC = 8th Year of Ahab/580th Year of the Exodus/65th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 877 BC = 4th Year of Jehoshaphat/11th Year of Jubilee

During the Reigns of Ahab of Israel and Jehoshaphat of Judah

Military Might of Judah Under Jehoshaphat

□2 Chronicles 17:10-19

Events During and Immediately After Elijah's Three-Year Drought

□1 Kings 17:1-19:21

Year Beginning 1*1 in 867 BC = 18th Year of Ahab/590th Year of the Exodus/75th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 867 BC = 14th Year of Jehoshaphat

²¹³ Jezebel was the daughter of Eth-baal (meaning "with Baal"), the King of the Sidonians, who became the wife of Ahab of Israel. Evidently she brought the worship of Baal - the Sidonian storm god - to Israel with her. After her husband's accession to the throne, she took the lead in attempting to replace the worship of *Yahweh* with the worship of Baal.

²¹⁴ Jehoshaphat was born around 916/15 BC - the 6th Year of his father's reign.

²¹⁵ The 3rd Year of Jehoshaphat, which was also the 77th Sabbatical Year, was immediately followed, in the 4th Year of Jehoshaphat, by the 11th Year of Jubilee. It seems quite appropriate that religious teachers were sent throughout Judah during this time in Jehoshaphat's reign.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 866 BC = 19th Year of Ahab/591st Year of the Exodus/76th Year of Israel

Spring or Summer - Israel Defeats an Invading Aramean Army

☐1 Kings 20:1-25

Year Beginning 7*1 in 866 BC = 15th Year of Jehoshaphat

Year Beginning 1*1 in 865 BC = 20th Year of Ahab/592nd Year of the Exodus/77th Year of Israel

Spring or Summer - Israel Defeats Aram a 2nd Time

☐1 Kings 20:26-43

Probably Summer - Jezebel Acquires the Vineyard of Naboth for Ahab

☐1 Kings 21:1-29

Between 865 and 863 BC - Three Years of Peace between Israel and Aram

☐1 Kings 22:1

Year Beginning 1*1 in 864 BC = 21st Year of Ahab/593rd Year of the Exodus/78th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 864 BC = 17th Year of Jehoshaphat/79th Sabbatical Year

Year Beginning 1*1 in 863 BC = 22nd Year of Ahab/594th Year of the Exodus/79th Year of Israel

Spring or Summer

Jehoshaphat Visits Ahab

☐1 Kings 22:2 (cf. 2 Chronicles 18:2a)

Jehoshaphat Agrees to Assist Ahab against Ramoth-gilead

☐1 Kings 22:3-28 (cf. 2 Chronicles 18:2b-27)

Ahab Killed in Battle/Accession of Ahaziah

☐1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53 (cf. 2 Chronicles 18:28-34)

Jehu, son of Hanani the Seer Rebukes Jehoshaphat Regarding Ahab

☐2 Chronicles 19:1-4

Jehoshaphat Reorganizes the Kingdom

☐2 Chronicles 19:5-11

Year Beginning 7*1 in 863 BC = 18th Year of Jehoshaphat

Year Beginning 1*1 in 862 BC = 2nd Year of Ahaziah/595th Year of the Exodus/80th Year of Israel
Probably Late Spring and/or Summer²¹⁶

Mesha of Moab Rebels against Israel

□2 Kings 1:1 (cf. 2 Kings 3:4-5)

Yahweh Saves Judah from an Invasion by a Moab/Ammon/Meun²¹⁷ Alliance

□2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Eliezer Rebukes Jehoshaphat for His Shipping Alliance with Ahaziah

□2 Chronicles 20:35-37 (cf. 1 Kings 22:48-49)

Ahaziah Fatally Injured

□2 Kings 1:2-16

Death of Ahaziah/Accession of Jehoram

□2 Kings 1:17-18

□2 Kings 3:1-3

Elijah Taken Away by *Yahweh*

□2 Kings 2:1-25

The Allied Armies of Israel, Judah and Edom²¹⁸ Defeat Moab

□2 Kings 3:6-27

Year Beginning 7*1 in 862 BC = 19th Year of Jehoshaphat

Undated Events Probably During the Reign of Jehoram of Israel - Ministry of Elisha

□2 Kings 4:1-6:23

Year Beginning 1*1 in 859 BC = 5th Year of Jehoram/598th Year of the Exodus/83rd Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 859 BC = 22nd Year of Jehoshaphat

Perhaps 7*1 - Jehoram (32 years)²¹⁹ Designated Crown Prince of Judah²²⁰

□2 Kings 8:16-17 (cf. 2 Chronicles 21:2-3, 5)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 856 BC = 8th Year of Jehoram/601st Year of the Exodus/86th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 856 BC = 25th Year of Jehoshaphat/4th Year of Jehoram

Death and Burial of Jehoshaphat

□2 Chronicles 21:1 (cf. 1 Kings 22:45, 50)

Jehoram (35 years) Eliminates Rival Heirs

□2 Chronicles 21:4, 6-7 (cf. 2 Kings 8:18-19)

Between 856 and 853 BC

Edom and Libnah Rebel against Judah

□2 Chronicles 21:8-10 (cf. 2 Kings 8:20-22)

Jehoram's Sin Prompts a Prophetic Letter from [Elisha?²²¹]

□2 Chronicles 21:11-15

Philistines and Arabs Kidnap All Jehoram's Heirs Except Jehoahaz/Ahaziah

□2 Chronicles 21:16-17

²¹⁶ Perhaps after the time of sheep shearing, if Mesha's rebellion was demonstrated by his failure to pay the annual wool tribute.

²¹⁷ The "Meunites" lived south of Judah (2 Chronicles 26:7) and west of Edom (1 Chronicles 4:41-43).

²¹⁸ According to 1 Kings 22:47, Edom was a semi-independent part of the Judean kingdom at this time.

²¹⁹ Jehoram was born around 891/90 BC, during his grandfather Asa's reign.

²²⁰ 2 Kings 8:16 makes it very clear that Jehoshaphat was still living when Jehoram ascended to the throne.

²²¹ Since Elijah had been gone for quite some time, and since his name is very similar to that of his successor Elisha, perhaps some scribe accidentally copied the wrong name - something very easily done.

During a Seven-Year Drought – God provides evidence of His trustworthiness

□ 2 Kings 6:24-7:20

Year Beginning 1*1 in 855 BC = 9th Year of Jehoram/602nd Year of the Exodus/87th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 855 BC = 5th Year of Jehoram

Year Beginning 1*1 in 854 BC = 10th Year of Jehoram/603rd Year of the Exodus/88th Year of Israel

Spring or Summer -Jehoram of Judah Contracts a Disease of the Bowels

□ 2 Chronicles 21:18

Year Beginning 7*1 in 854 BC = 6th Year of Jehoram

Year Beginning 1*1 in 853 BC = 11th Year of Jehoram/604th Year of the Exodus/89th Year of Israel

Sometime during this year – The Battle of Qarqar²²²

Year Beginning 7*1 in 853 BC = 7th Year of Jehoram

Year Beginning 1*1 in 852 BC = 12th Year of Jehoram/605th Year of the Exodus/90th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 852 BC = 8th Year of Jehoram

During the Fall and/or Winter

Jehoram Dies/Accession of Ahaziah (22 years)²²³

[In the 11th Year of Jehoram of Israel]²²⁴

□ 2 Chronicles 21:19-22:4 (cf. 2 Kings 8:23-27; 9:29)

Israel and Judah Attack Ramoth-gilead, Where Jehoram of Israel Is Wounded

□ 2 Kings 8:28 (cf. 2 Chronicles 22:5)

Ahaziah Visits Jehoram at Jezreel

□ 2 Kings 8:29 (cf. 2 Chronicles 22:6)

A Messenger from Elisha Anoints Jehu as King of Israel at Ramoth-gilead

□ 2 Kings 9:1-16

Jehu Assassinate Jehoram, Ahaziah and Jezebel; Purges Israel of Baal Worship

□ 2 Kings 9:17-27, 30-10:31 (cf. 2 Chronicles 22:7-9a)

Ahaziah Buried at Jerusalem

□ 2 Kings 9:28 (cf. 2 Chronicles 22:9b)

Athaliah Attempts to Eradicate the Davidic Line

□ 2 Kings 11:1-2 (cf. 2 Chronicles 22:9b-11)

Probably During the Early Reign of Jehu of Israel – Shunammite woman's property restored

□ 2 Kings 8:1-6

²²² It should be noted that my chronology has Ahab killed ten years prior to the Battle of Qarqar, an event in which many scholars believe he participated. This is certainly problematic, since I don't see any way my chronology can allow for such participation. After some research, I have come to the conclusion that the Kurkh Monolith - the source of this supposed information - has improperly translated "*Akha-abbu mata Sir'la-ai*" ("Akha, father of the land of Sir'la-ai") as "Ahab of the land of Israel" when it was actually a reference to some Mesopotamian ruler who contributed 2,000 chariots and 10,000 soldiers to the effort against Shalmaneser. While there are some scholars who reject the Ahab identification simply based upon the huge number of chariots which they doubt Ahab controlled, I base my own conclusions upon the fact that Shalmaneser's other citations regarding northern Israel always refer to it, not as "Israel," but as "*Bit-Khumri*" ("House of Omri") – Omri being the most significant Israeli figure of this time period, as well as the father of Ahab.

²²³ Ahaziah was born around 874/73 BC, probably shortly after his father, Prince Jehoram of Judah, married his mother, Princess Athaliah of Israel, as part of an alliance agreement between their two countries (cf. 2 Chronicles 18:1; 1 Kings 22:44; 2 Kings 8:18; 2 Chronicles 21:6).

²²⁴ According to 1 Kings 9:29. This is a clear-cut example of alternate dating from this period. An accession, *Nisan* regnal year for the northern kingdom appears to be cited.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 846 BC = 7th Year of Jehu/611th Year of the Exodus/96th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 846 BC = 6th Year of Athaliah

7*1? - Jehoash (7 years)²²⁵ Declared King of Judah/Athaliah Executed

□2 Chronicles 22:12-24:3 (cf. 2 Kings 11:3-12:3)

Between 845 and 843 BC

Ben-hadad of Aram Assassinated by Hazael of Aram

□2 Kings 8:7-15

Israel Lost Control of Its Territory East of the Jordan to Hazael of Aram

□2 Kings 10:32-33

842 BC – Shalmaneser III of Assyria Invaded the Territory Held by Aram, Including Eastern Israel²²⁶

841 BC – Jehu of Israel Paid Tribute to Shalmaneser III²²⁷

Year Beginning 7*1 in 826 BC = 21st Year of Jehoash

Year Beginning 1*1 in 825 BC = 28th Year of Jehu/632nd Year of the Exodus/117th Year of Israel

?*? - Jehu Dies/Accession of Jehoahaz [In the 21st Year of Jehoash]²²⁸

□2 Kings 10:34-36; 13:1-2

Year Beginning 7*1 in 825 BC = 22nd Year of Jehoash

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 824 BC = 1st Year of Jehoahaz/633rd Year of the Exodus/
118th Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 824 BC = 23rd Year of Jehoash

Fall and/or Winter - Temple Still Not Repaired

□2 Kings 12:4-16 (cf. 2 Chronicles 24:4-14)

During the Reign of Jehoahaz - Israel Repents under Intense Oppression by Aram

□2 Kings 13:3-7

Year Beginning 7*1 in 810 BC = 37th Year of Jehoash

Year Beginning 1*1 in 809 BC = 17th Year of Jehoahaz/648th Year of the Exodus/134th Year of Israel

Spring or Summer - Jehoahaz Dies/Accession of Jehoash²²⁹

□2 Kings 13:8-11

Year Beginning 7*1 in 809 BC = 38th Year of Jehoash

²²⁵ Jehoash was born around 853/52 BC, the year before his father's accession and assassination.

²²⁶ This helps explain the hatred of Jonah for the Assyrians, who committed horrible atrocities against non-Assyrians.

²²⁷ Depicted on the Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser, erected in 825 BC, shortly before Shalmaneser's death.

²²⁸ According to Antiquities 9.8.5, Jehoahaz came to the throne in the 21st and not the 23rd Year of Jehoash. This seems to indicate a variant between Josephus' copy and extant copies of the Septuagint. The number 21 fits better into the overall chronology of the period.

²²⁹ Around this time the northern kingdom of Israel evidently adopted an accession, *Nisan* regnal year like that used by all the nations around them.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 808 BC = 18th Year of Jehoahaz/649th Year of the Exodus/135th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 808 BC = 39th Year of Jehoash/87th Sabbatical Year

?? - Jehoash Rebels against *Yahweh*²³⁰ after the Death of Jehoiada²³¹

□2 Chronicles 24:15-22

Year Beginning 1*1 in 807 BC = 2nd Year of Jehoash/650th Year of the Exodus/136th Year of Israel

Spring - *Yahweh* Permits Aram to Defeat Judah

□2 Chronicles 24:23-24 (cf. 2 Kings 12:17-18)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 807 BC = 40th Year of Jehoash

7*1? - Jehoash of Judah Assassinated/Accession of Amaziah (29 years)²³²

□2 Kings 12:19-21 (cf. 2 Chronicles 24:25-27)

□2 Kings 14:1-6 (2 Chronicles 25:1-4)

Between 806 and 794 BC

Final Words, Death and Burial of Elisha

□2 Kings 13:14-21

Israel Recovers Some Territory from Aram

□2 Kings 13:22-25

Judah Defeats Edom

□2 Chronicles 25:5-16 (cf. 2 Kings 14:7)

Judah Defeated and Amaziah Captured in a Failed Attack upon Israel

□2 Chronicles 25:17-24 (cf. 2 Kings 14:8-14)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 793 BC = 16th Year of Jehoash/664th Year of the Exodus/150th Year of Israel

Year Beginning 7*1 in 793 BC = 15th Year of Amaziah

Fall or Winter - Jehoash Dies/Accession of Jeroboam II

□2 Kings 14:15-16, 23-24

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 790 BC = 3rd Year of Jeroboam II/667th Year of the Exodus/
153rd Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 790 BC = 18th Year of Amaziah

7*1? – Azariah (4 years) Declared Crown Prince of Judah²³³

**Year Beginning 7*1 in 780 BC = 28th Year of Amaziah/11th Year of Azariah/
91st Sabbatical Year**

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 779 BC = 14th Year of Jeroboam II/678th Year of the Exodus/
164th Year of Israel**

**Year Beginning 7*1 in 779 BC = 29th Year of Amaziah/12th Year of Azariah/
13th Year of Jubilee**

²³⁰ Perhaps part of Jehoash's rebellion was the failure to observe the Sabbatical Year.

²³¹ Jehoiada was born shortly after Israel split into two kingdoms.

²³² Amaziah was born around 836/35 BC, about ten years into his father's reign.

²³³ I make this assumption based on my terminal dates for Amaziah and Azariah.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 778 BC = 15th Year of Jeroboam II/679th Year of the Exodus/
165th Year of Israel**

Spring or Summer

Amaziah Assassinated/Azariah (16 years)²³⁴ Declared King of Judah

[In the 14th Year of Jeroboam II]²³⁵

□2 Kings 14:17-22 (cf. 2 Chronicles 25:25-26:1-5)

15 June 763 BC = Jewish 3*29 (MON/TUE) – The “Bur-Sagale” Solar Eclipse in Assyrian Records²³⁶

Jonah was a prophet from Gath-hepher in the northern kingdom of Israel. He correctly prophesied the return of the Israeli territories captured during the reign of Jehu (2 Kings 14:25). The book of JONAH recounts some other significant events in his life.

□Jonah 1:1-4:11

During the Reigns of Jeroboam II and Azariah

Israel Fully Recovers the Trans-Jordan Territories of Israel

□2 Kings 14:25-27

Azariah Revitalizes Judah

□2 Chronicles 26:6-15

Amos was a shepherd/fig picker from Tekoa in Judah. The book of AMOS includes his prophecies against the northern kingdom of Israel which he began to make “two years before the earthquake” (date unknown), during the reigns of Azariah of Judah and Jeroboam II of Israel.

□Amos 1:1-9:15

The prophet Hosea also began prophesying the impending doom for the northern kingdom of Israel during the reigns of Azariah of Judah and Jeroboam II of Israel. In the book of HOSEA he used his adulterous wife and his children of questionable paternity as symbols of Israel’s spiritual adultery. His ministry continued until the reign of Hezekiah of Judah, who was king when Israel went into Assyrian captivity.

□Hosea 1:1-14:9

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 752 BC = 41st Year of Jeroboam II/705th Year of the Exodus/
191st Year of Israel**

Late Summer - Jeroboam II Dies/Accession of Zechariah

□2 Kings 14:28-29; 15:8-9

²³⁴ Azariah was born around 794/93 BC, when his father had reigned about 14 years.

²³⁵ According to Antiquities 9.9.3. This agrees with Scriptural information that Amaziah survived Jehoash of Israel by only 15 years. Perhaps this is another example of an unattested textual variant.

²³⁶ It has been suggested that this solar eclipse may have taken place in conjunction with Jonah’s arrival at Nineveh.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 752 BC = 39th Year of Azariah/95th Sabbatical Year

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 751 BC = 1st Year of Zechariah/706th Year of the Exodus/
192nd Year of Israel**

Spring

Zechariah Assassinated by Shallum/Accession of Shallum

□2 Kings 15:10-13

Shallum Assassinated by Menahem/Accession of Menahem

□2 Kings 15:14-18

Year Beginning 7*1 in 751 BC = 40th Year of Azariah

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 750 BC = 1st Year of Menahem/707th Year of the Exodus/
193rd Year of Israel**

Spring – Pekah Governs Gilead²³⁷

Year Beginning 7*1 in 750 BC = 41st Year of Azariah

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 749 BC = 2nd Year of Menahem/708th Year of the Exodus/
194th Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 749 BC = 42nd Year of Azariah

7*1? - Jotham Designated Crown Prince of Judah

[In the 2nd Year of Pekah]

□2 Kings 15:32-35a (cf. 2 Chronicles 27:1-2)

Sometime Between 745 and 741 BC - Menahem Pays Tribute to Tiglath-pileser III

□2 Kings 15:19-20

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 741 BC = 10th Year of Menahem/716th Year of the Exodus/
199th Year of Israel**

**Year Beginning 7*1 in 741 BC = 50th Year of Azariah/9th Year of Jotham/
1st Year of Ahaz**

Perhaps 7*1²³⁸

Azariah Contracts Leprosy/Jotham Reigns

□2 Chronicles 26:16-21 (cf. 2 Kings 15:5)

Ahaz Declared Crown Prince of Judah

Fall or Winter - Menahem Dies/Accession of Pekahiah

□2 Kings 15:21-24

²³⁷ Thiele speculates that Pekah established a rival kingdom in Gilead at this time (pages 124-131). I think it much more likely that Pekah was the Israeli officer in charge of Gilead during the reigns of both Pekah and Pekahiah. This would not be all that surprising since Gilead was often viewed as a semi-autonomous region from the days of the judges onward. When Pekah and his Gileadite supporters assassinated Pekahiah, he could very naturally have counted his reign from the time of his earlier appointment.

²³⁸ While the 7*1 date is pure speculation on my part, the actual year is based on my terminal dates for Jotham and Ahaz. Jotham's full elevation to the throne because of Azariah's leprosy would certainly explain Ahaz's appointment as Crown Prince at this time. Azariah's insistence that he be allowed to burn incense, the action that brought on his leprosy, could be explained by his celebration of some significant event, such as the beginning of his 50th year on the throne.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 739 BC = 2nd Year of Pekahiah/718th Year of the Exodus/
201st Year of Israel**

**Year Beginning 7*1 in 739 BC = 52nd Year of Azariah/11th Year of Jotham/
3rd Year of Ahaz**

??- Pekah Assassinate Pekahiah/Accession of Pekah

□2 Kings 15:25-28

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 738 BC = 13th Year of Pekah/719th Year of the Exodus/
202nd Year of Israel**

Death and Burial of Azariah

□2 Chronicles 26:22-23 (cf. 2 Kings 15:6-7)

The Throne Vision of Isaiah

□Isaiah 6:1-13

Between 738 and 735 BC

Jotham Commissions Major Construction Projects

□2 Chronicles 27:3-4 (cf. 2 Kings 15:35b)

Over A Three-Year Period- Jotham Brings Ammon under Judean Control

□2 Chronicles 27:5-6

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 734 BC = 17th Year of Pekah/723rd Year of the Exodus/
206th Year of Israel**

Spring or Summer

Ahaz Exerts Control in Judah²³⁹

□2 Kings 16:1-4 (cf. 2 Chronicles 28:1-4)

Isaiah Prophecies to Ahaz

□Isaiah 7:2-25

Israel and Aram Invade Judah, Taking Captives and Territory

□2 Chronicles 28:5-15 (cf. 2 Kings 15:37; 16:5-6; Isaiah 7:1)

Ahaz Requests the Assistance of Tiglath-pileser

□2 Chronicles 28:16-21 (cf. 2 Kings 16:7-9a)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 734 BC = Year 9th of Ahaz/17th of Jotham

Fall or Winter - Prophecies of Isaiah During Tiglath-pileser's Assistance of Ahaz

□Isaiah 8:1-12:6

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 733 BC = 18th Year of Pekah/724th Year of the Exodus/
207th Year of Israel**

Probably Spring or Summer - Tiglath-pileser Invades Israel and Aram

□2 Kings 15:29

□2 Kings 16:9a

²³⁹ This is based on two chronological items – first, that Ahaz came to the throne in Pekah's 17th Year, and second, that Hoshea came to the throne during the 12th Year of Ahaz and the 20th of Jotham, even though Jotham's reign was only 16 years in length. It is very likely that a pro-Assyrian stance by a newly enthroned Ahaz (however he came to power) would have triggered the Philistine/Edomite/Aramean/Israeli invasion of Judah that led to Tiglath-pileser's three-year (734-732 BC) military campaign in the region.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 732 BC = 19th Year of Pekah/725th Year of the Exodus/
208th Year of Israel**

Probably Spring or Summer

Isaiah Prophecies Against Damascus

❑ Isaiah 17:1-14

Tiglath-pileser Captures Damascus and Executes Rezin

❑ 2 Kings 16:9b

Ahaz Visits Tiglath-pileser at Damascus

❑ 2 Kings 16:10

Ahaz Defiles the Temple

❑ 2 Kings 16:11-18 (cf. 2 Chronicles 28:22-25)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 731 BC = 20th Year of Pekah/726th Year of the Exodus/
209th Year of Israel**

**Year Beginning 7*1 in 731 BC = 12th Year of Ahaz/20th of Jotham/
98th Sabbatical Year**

Fall or Winter - Pekah Assassinated by Hoshea/Hoshea Declared King of Israel²⁴⁰

❑ 2 Kings 15:30-31

❑ 2 Kings 17:1-2

MICAH was written by a prophet from the city of Moresheth, located in the hill country between Jerusalem and Philistia. His prophetic ministry occurred during the turbulent final days of the northern kingdom of Israel, during the reigns of the Judean kings Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah.

❑ Micah 1:1-7:20

ISAIAH was written by a prophet whose ministry began in the waning years of Azariah (a.k.a. Uzziah) and continued into the second half of Hezekiah's reign, after the northern kingdom of Israel had gone into Assyrian captivity.

❑ Isaiah 1:1-5:30

Additional Prophecies of Isaiah

❑ Isaiah 23:1-28:29

²⁴⁰ In the fragmentary text of an Assyrian document, Tiglath-pileser III claimed that he placed Hoshea on the Israeli throne after Pekah's assassination.

Sometime After 731 BC – Death and Burial of Jotham

☐ 2 Chronicles 27:7-9 (cf. 2 Kings 15:36, 38)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 730 BC = 2nd Year of Hoshea/727th Year of the Exodus/
210th Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 730 BC = 13th Year of Ahaz/14th Year of Jubilee

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 729 BC = 3rd Year of Hoshea/728th Year of the Exodus/
211th Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 729 BC = 14th Year of Ahaz

Probably during the Fall or Winter - Hezekiah Declared Crown Prince²⁴¹

☐ 2 Kings 18:1

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 727 BC = 5th Year of Hoshea/730th Year of the Exodus/
213th Year of Israel**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 727 BC = 16th Year of Ahaz/3rd Year of Hezekiah

Probably Fall or Winter

Death of Ahaz/Hezekiah Continues as King

☐ 2 Chronicles 28:26-29:2 (cf. 2 Kings 16:19-20; 18:2-3)

Hezekiah Considered the Best King of Judah

☐ 2 Kings 18:5-7a (cf. 2 Chronicles 31:20-21)

Isaiah Prophesies Against Philistia

☐ Isaiah 14:28-32

Psalm of Asaph

☐ Psalm 83

²⁴¹ This agrees with the dating in 2 Kings 18:9-10.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 726 BC = 6th Year of Hoshea/731st Year of the Exodus/
214th Year of Israel/1st Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)**

1*1-16²⁴² - Priests Cleanse the Temple

□2 Chronicles 29:3-19

1*17²⁴³ – Hezekiah Reestablishes Worship at the Temple

□2 Chronicles 29:20-36

1*? – Hezekiah Invites All Israel to an Alternate Passover²⁴⁴

□2 Chronicles 30:1-12

2*14-21²⁴⁵ - Alternate Passover/Unleavened Bread Held

□2 Chronicles 30:13-22

2*22-28²⁴⁶ – Additional Celebration

□2 Chronicles 30:23-27

From 2*29²⁴⁷ - Post Festival Purge

□2 Chronicles 31:1 (cf. 2 Kings 18:4)

After 3*5 = Pentecost²⁴⁸ - Reestablishment of the Tithe

□2 Chronicles 31:2-7a

Year Beginning 7*1 in 726 BC = 4th Year of Hezekiah

7th Month²⁴⁹ - Reestablishment of the Priests and Levites

□2 Chronicles 31:7b- 21

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 725 BC = 7th Year of Hoshea/732nd Year of the Exodus/
214th Year of Israel/2nd Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)**

Spring and/or Summer - Samaria Besieged

□2 Kings 18:9

□2 Kings 17:3-5

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 724 BC = 8th Year of Hoshea/733rd Year of the Exodus/
215th Year of Israel/3rd Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 724 BC = 6th Year of Hezekiah/99th Sabbatical Year

²⁴² SUN/MON 1/2 – MON/TUE 16/17 APR in 726 BC.

²⁴³ MON/TUE 16/17 APR in 726 BC.

²⁴⁴ I place this event immediately prior to Assyria's final assault upon Israel because my dating of the remaining Judean kings demands such placement. Most chronologists place it after the destruction of Samaria and the deportation of the Israeli population, but this seems unlikely to me since relocated non-Israelis inhabited the former territory of the northern kingdom at that time (2 Kings 17:6ff), and Hezekiah's invitation was clearly delivered to Israelis still living in their own land. In my estimation, this marks northern Israel's final opportunity for repentance before *Yahweh's* divine punishment. The Israelis who had "escaped" and were "left from the hand of the kings of Assyria" (2 Chronicles 30:6) were those who had been left behind in deportations such as that done by Tiglath-pileser around 733 BC (2 Kings 15:29).

²⁴⁵ MON/TUE 14/15 – SUN/MON 20/21 MAY in 726 BC.

²⁴⁶ MON/TUE 21/22 – SUN/MON 27/28 MAY in 726 BC.

²⁴⁷ MON/TUE 28/29 MAY in 726 BC.

²⁴⁸ SAT/SUN 2/3 JUN in 726 BC. The wheat harvest officially began after Pentecost.

²⁴⁹ 7*1 = MON/TUE 24/25 SEP in 726 BC.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 723 BC = 9th Year of Hoshea/734th Year of the Exodus/
216th Year of Israel/4th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)**

Spring and/or Summer

Capture of Samaria

❑2 Kings 18:10 (cf. 2 Kings 17:6a)

The Assyrian Deportation of Israel

❑2 Kings 18:11-12 (cf. 2 Kings 17:6b)

❑2 Kings 17:6-41

Probably Between the Deportation of Israel and Assyria's Invasion of Judah

Hezekiah Rebels against Assyria and Recaptures Gaza

❑2 Kings 18:7b-8

Additional Prophecies of Isaiah

❑Isaiah 29:1-35:10

Year Beginning 1*1 in 715 BC = 742nd Year of the Exodus/12th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)

Spring and/or Summer – Sennacherib (On Behalf of Sargon II)²⁵⁰ Invades Judah

❑2 Chronicles 32:1-8 (cf. 2 Kings 18:13-16; Isaiah 36:1)

❑2 Chronicles 32:30a (cf. 2 Kings 20:20a)

❑Isaiah 36:2-37:37 (cf. 2 Kings 18:17-19:36; 2 Chronicles 32:9-21a, 22)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 715 BC = 15th Year of Hezekiah

Year Beginning 1*1 in 714 BC = 743rd Year of the Exodus/13th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)

Summer – 1st Harvest of Isaiah's Prophecy (Per Isaiah 37:30)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 714 BC = 16th Year of Hezekiah

Year Beginning 1*1 in 713 BC = 744th Year of the Exodus/14th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)

Summer – 2nd Harvest of Isaiah's Prophecy (Per Isaiah 37:30)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 713 BC = 17th Year of Hezekiah

Year Beginning 1*1 in 712 BC = 745th Year of the Exodus/15th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)

Summer [3rd Harvest of Isaiah's Prophecy (Per Isaiah 37:30)]

Hezekiah Healed and Granted 15 More Years of Life

❑Isaiah 38:1-22 (cf. 2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chronicles 32:24)

Perhaps in the Year Beginning 7*1 in 712 BC = 18th Year of Hezekiah

??? - Hezekiah Rebuked for His Pride

❑Isaiah 39:1-8 (cf. 2 Kings 20:12-19; 2 Chronicles 32:25, 31)

Additional Prophecies of Isaiah

❑Isaiah 13:1-14:27

❑Isaiah 15:1-19:25

²⁵⁰ As proposed by E. W. Faulstich in History, Harmony & the Hebrew Kings.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 711 BC = 746th Year of the Exodus/
16th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)/14 years left**
?? - Isaiah Instructed to become an Illustration for Egypt/Cush
□Isaiah 20:1-2

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 710 BC = 747th Year of the Exodus/
17th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)/13 years left**
Year Beginning 7*1 in 710 BC = 20th Year of Hezekiah

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 709 BC = 748th Year of the Exodus/
18th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)/12 years left**
Spring or Summer – Isaiah Prophecies against Egypt/Cush
□Isaiah 20:3-6

Additional Prophecies of Isaiah
□Isaiah 21:1-22:25

During the Final Years of Hezekiah's Reign

Hezekiah Prospers Greatly
□2 Chronicles 32:27-29, 30b
Additional Prophecies of Isaiah
□Isaiah 40:1-66:24

Additions to PROVERBS were made during the reign of Hezekiah
□Proverbs 25:1-31:31

While long-standing tradition has attributed ECCLESIASTES to Solomon, it does not actually contain the name of its author. In my estimation the internal evidence points toward either Solomon or Hezekiah - the two most wealthy and wise kings of Israeli history. Given that the writer attempts to find meaning in a life where physical death is the ultimate fate of all, and that his final conclusion is that one must reverence God and keep His commandments during life, I consider Hezekiah the much more likely author.

□Ecclesiastes 1:1-12:14

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 698 BC = 759th Year of the Exodus/
29th Year of Hezekiah (as sole ruler)/Final year**
Year Beginning 7*1 in 698 BC = 32nd Year of Hezekiah
During the Fall or Winter - Hezekiah Dies/Accession of Manasseh (12 years)²⁵¹
□2 Kings 20:20b-21:1 (cf. 2 Chronicles 32:32-33:1)

²⁵¹ Manasseh was born around 710/09 BC, early in his father's additional fifteen years of life.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 681 BC = 776th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 681 BC = 17th Year of Manasseh

?? - Sennacherib Assassinated as Prophesied by Isaiah

□ Isaiah 37:38 (cf. 2 Kings 19:37; 2 Chronicles 32:21b)

During the Early Reign of Manasseh

The Unrighteous Acts of Manasseh

□ 2 Kings 21:2-16 (cf. 2 Chronicles 33:2-10)

NAHUM was written around this time, after the Assyrian destruction of Thebes in 663 BC.
but still several decades before the destruction of Nineveh in 612 BC.

□ Nahum 1:1-3:19

During the Later Reign of Manasseh (Perhaps 652-643 BC)²⁵²

Manasseh Repents After Being Captured by the King of Assyria

□ 2 Chronicles 33:11-13

The Military and Religious Reforms of Manasseh

□ 2 Chronicles 33:14-17

Year Beginning 1*1 in 643 BC = 814th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 643 BC = 55th Year of Manasseh

Year Beginning 1*1 in 642 BC = 815th Year of the Exodus

Manasseh Dies/Accession of Amon (22 years)²⁵³

□ 2 Kings 21:17-19 (cf. 2 Chronicles 33:18-21)

Between 642 and 641 BC - The Unrighteous Acts of Amon

□ 2 Kings 21:20-22 (cf. 2 Chronicles 33:22-23)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 641 BC = 814th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 641 BC = 2nd Year of Amon

Year Beginning 1*1 in 640 BC = 817th Year of the Exodus

Amon Assassinated/Accession of Josiah (8 years)²⁵⁴

□ 2 Kings 21:23-22:2 (cf. 2 Chronicles 33:24-34)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 633 BC = 824th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 633 BC = 8th Year of Josiah/112th Sabbatical Year

Probably in the Fall - Josiah (15 years) Begins to Seek *Yahweh*

□ 2 Chronicles 34:2-3a

²⁵² According to Assyrian records, Manasseh had been a tributary to both Esarhaddon (681-669 BC) and later to his son and successor. The city of Babylon had been razed to the ground by the Assyrians in 689 BC, but rebuilt by Esarhaddon to be used as a southern Assyrian Empire administrative center, where he installed his eldest surviving son as ruler. After their father's death in 669 BC, this son accepted a secondary role beneath his younger brother, Ashurbanipal (668-627 BC), the new emperor. This could explain why Manasseh was taken to Babylon after his arrest. This detention was probably very brief since no new king was placed upon the Judean throne during it. His release – beyond the report of God's intervention – may have been precipitated by the older brother's rebellion against Ashurbanipal in 652 BC. Perhaps he hoped that by freeing Manasseh, he would gain his support. This Babylon rebellion was terminated in 648 BC.

²⁵³ Amon was born around 664/63 BC, near the middle of his father's long reign.

²⁵⁴ Josiah was born around 648/47 BC, during the final years of his grandfather's reign, when his father was only about 16 years old.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 632 BC = 825th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 633 BC = 9th Year of Josiah/16th Year of Jubilee

Year Beginning 7*1 in 629 BC = 12th Year of Josiah

Year Beginning 1*1 in 628 BC = 829th Year of the Exodus

Probably in the Spring – Josiah (20 years) Begins Purging Judah of Idolatry

□2 Chronicles 34:3b (2 Kings 23:4-20)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 628 BC = 13th Year of Josiah

Year Beginning 1*1 in 627 BC = 830th Year of the Exodus

Probably in the Spring – Jeremiah Begins His Ministry as a Prophet

□Jeremiah 1:1-19; 3:6-20

The book of JEREMIAH is a record of the prophetic ministry of a priest from Anathoth, a city just north of Jerusalem. It is possible that his father was the High Priest Hilkiah (cf. 1:1 to 2 Kings 22:4), which would have made his conflict with the Temple priests all the more remarkable. Jeremiah's ministry took place during the final 40 years of Judah, a period that I believe coincides with the 40 years of Judah's iniquity, as portrayed by the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 4:6).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 623 BC = 834th Year of the Exodus

Year Beginning 7*1 in 623 BC = 18th Year of Josiah

Fall or Winter

Book of the Law Rediscovered during Restoration of the Temple

□2 Kings 22:3-20 (cf. 2 Chronicles 34:8-28)

Josiah Leads Judah in a Renewal of the Covenant with *Yahweh*

□2 Kings 23:1-3 (cf. 2 Chronicles 34:29-33)

Josiah Purges Private Idolatry

□2 Chronicles 34:4-7

Year Beginning 1*1 in 622 BC = 835th Year of the Exodus

1*14-21²⁵⁵ - Passover/Unleavened Bread Observed

□2 Chronicles 35:1-19 (cf. 2 Kings 23:21-24)

ZEPHANIAH was written during the reign of Josiah. The prophet may have been a great, great grandson of King Hezekiah (1:1). He also prophesied Judah's destruction.

□Zephaniah 1:1-3:20

Before 609 BC

□Jeremiah 47:1ff

²⁵⁵ SAT/SUN 3/4 – SAT/SUN 10/11 APR in 622 BC.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 610 BC = 31st Year of Josiah

Year Beginning 1*1 in 609 BC = 17th Year of Nabopolassar/848th Year of the Exodus

Early Spring – Necho II defeats the Philistines at Gaza (per Jeremiah 47:1ff)

During the 4th Month?

Josiah (about 38 years) Fatally Wounded by Pharaoh Necho II at Megiddo

□2 Chronicles 35:20-23 (cf. 2 Kings 23:28-29)

Death and Burial of Josiah at Jerusalem/Accession of Jehoahaz (23 years)²⁵⁶

□2 Chronicles 35:24-36:2 (cf. 2 Kings 23:30-32)

During the 4th Month²⁵⁷ – Assyrian-Egyptian Alliance Attacks Babylonians at Haran

During the 6th Month²⁵⁸ – Egyptians Retreat from Haran

Year Beginning 7*1 in 609 BC = 1st Year of Jehoahaz

7th Month? - Jehoahaz Taken into Egyptian Custody at Riblah;

Eliakim/Jehoiakim (25 years)²⁵⁹ Appointed King by Necho II

□2 Chronicles 36:3-5 (cf. 2 Kings 23:33-34)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 608 BC = 1st Year of Jehoiakim

Early in the Reign of Jehoiakim

Jeremiah's Negative Prophecies

□Jeremiah 2:1-3:5; 3:21-10:25 (cf. Jeremiah 26:1-6)

Jeremiah Barely Escapes Execution

□Jeremiah 26:7-24

□Jeremiah 11:1-12:17

Jeremiah Prophesies Against Jerusalem

□Jeremiah 13:1-17:27

JOEL may have been written shortly before Babylon's first invasion of Judah.

□Joel 1:1-3:21

Year Beginning 7*1 in 606 BC = 3rd Year of Jehoiakim

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 605 BC = 21st Year of Nabopolassar/852nd Year of the Exodus/
23rd Year of Jeremiah's Ministry²⁶⁰**

Spring and Summer

Prince Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon Defeats Necho II at Carchemish

Nebuchadnezzar Plunders the Temple and Takes Royal Captives

□Daniel 1:1-2

5*8²⁶¹ – Nabopolassar Dies

6*12²⁶² – Nebuchadnezzar's Accession

?? - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah Begin 3 Years of Babylonian Training

□Daniel 1:3-17

²⁵⁶ Jehoahaz was born around 632/31 BC, only about a year after his father began seeking after *Yahweh*.

²⁵⁷ According to the Babylonian Chronicles. 4*1 = SUN/MON 24/25 JUN in 609 BC.

²⁵⁸ Also according to the Babylonian Chronicles. 6*1 = WED/THU 22/23 AUG in 609 BC.

²⁵⁹ Eliakim was born around 634/33 BC, just about a year before his father began seeking after *Yahweh*.

²⁶⁰ According to Jeremiah 25:3.

²⁶¹ According to the Babylonian Chronicle. FRI/SAT 15/16 JUL in 605 BC.

²⁶² According to the Babylonian Chronicle. SUN/MON 7/8 AUG in 605 BC.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 605 BC = 4th Year of Jehoiakim/116th Sabbatical Year

Probably During the Fall - Jeremiah Prophesies 70 Years of Babylonian Oppression

☐Jeremiah 25:1-38

Jeremiah Prophesies against Egypt

☐Jeremiah 46:1-28

HABAKKUK prophesies the coming destruction of the Judean kingdom.

☐Habakkuk 1:1-3:19

Year Beginning 1*1 in 604 BC = 1st (2nd)²⁶³ Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

853rd Year of the Exodus/2nd Year of Daniel's Captivity

3rd Month – Nebuchadnezzar marches into Hatti land – which included Judea – in order to exact his first year of tribute from all the nations there (per Babylonian Chronicle)

Probably Late Summer - Jeremiah Dictates His Prophecies to Baruch

☐Jeremiah 36:1-8

☐Jeremiah 45:1-5

Year Beginning 7*1 in 604 BC = 5th Year of Jehoiakim

9*?²⁶⁴ – Jehoiakim Destroys Jeremiah's Scroll of Prophecies

☐Jeremiah 36:9-26

??? - Jeremiah Re-dictates His Prophecies to Baruch

☐Jeremiah 36:27-32

Year Beginning 1*1 in 603 BC = 2nd (3rd) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

854th Year of the Exodus/3rd Year of Daniel's Captivity

After Three Years of Training

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah Begin Babylonian Service

☐Daniel 1:18-21

Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream about Four Kingdoms

☐Daniel 2:1-49

Year Beginning 1*1 in 601 BC = 4th (5th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

856th Year of the Exodus/5th Year of Daniel's Captivity

9th Month – Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Egypt is repelled (per Babylonian Chronicle)

After Three Full Years of Submission - Jehoiakim Rebels against Nebuchadnezzar

☐2 Kings 24:1-4

Other Prophecies of Jeremiah

☐Jeremiah 35:1-19

²⁶³ There is good evidence that the Judeans counted Nebuchadnezzar's reign from the year of his first assault against Jerusalem – the year of his accession to the throne of Babylon. Babylonian records indicate his second assault against Jerusalem took place in his 7th Year, while the Judean records show it as his 8th. Jeremiah chapter 52 includes examples of both systems, with the prophet dating the fall of Jerusalem in the 19th (Judean) Year, but at the same time incorporating an official record of captives taken from Jerusalem dated as the 18th (Babylonian) Year.

²⁶⁴ 228 9*1 = THU/FRI 23/24 NOV in 604 BC.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 598 BC = 7th (8th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

859th Year of the Exodus/8th Year of Daniel's Captivity

?? - Jeremiah Prophesies against the Kings of Judah

☐Jeremiah 22:1-30

?? - Jeremiah Prophesies about the Messiah and against False Prophets

☐Jeremiah 23:1-40

Year Beginning 7*1 in 598 BC = 11th Year of Jehoiakim/113th Sabbatical Year

Perhaps 9*22²⁶⁵ - Nebuchadnezzar Takes Jehoiakim Captive/Jehoiachin Declared King

☐2 Chronicles 36:6-8 (cf. 2 Kings 24:5)

Shortly Thereafter - Jehoiakim Dies in Babylonian Custody

☐2 Kings 24:6

☐2 Kings 24:8-9 (cf. 2 Chronicles 36:9)

Perhaps 12*2²⁶⁶ - Jehoiachin Surrenders to Nebuchadnezzar

☐2 Kings 24:11-12a

During the 12th Month

Jehoiachin and Thousands of Judeans Taken into Babylonian Captivity

☐2 Kings 24:12b-16 (cf. 2 Chronicles 36:10a)

☐Jeremiah 52:28

Mattaniah (a.k.a. Zedekiah) Appointed King of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar

☐2 Kings 24:17-19 (cf. 2 Chronicles 36:10b-12)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 597 BC = 8th (9th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

860th Year of the Exodus/2nd Year of Jehoiachin's Exile^{267/}

9th Year of Daniel's Captivity

Probably during the Spring or Summer

Jeremiah's Fig Vision

☐Jeremiah 24:1-10

Jeremiah Sends a Letter to the Judean Exiles

☐Jeremiah 29:1-32

Year Beginning 7*1 in 597 BC = 2nd Year of Zedekiah²⁶⁸

Early in the Reign of Zechariah – Jeremiah Prophesies Against Elam

☐Jeremiah 49:34-39

²⁶⁵ SAT/SUN 9/10 DEC in 598 BC, 3 months and 10 days prior to Jehoiachin's surrender.

²⁶⁶ According to the Babylonian Chronicle, the Judean king of Jerusalem surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar on this date. WED/THU 14/15 FEB in 597 BC.

²⁶⁷ Jehoiachin's exile is reckoned in accordance with the Babylonian calendar year.

²⁶⁸ Perhaps because King Jehoiachin was alive, although exiled in Babylon, the Judeans reckoned the years of Zedekiah's reign with a non-accession method.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 595 BC = 4th Year of Zedekiah

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 594 BC = 11th (12th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
863rd Year of the Exodus/5th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
12th Year of Daniel's Captivity**

?? - Jeremiah Sends a Prophecy to the Exiles Living in Babylon

☐Jeremiah 50:1-51:64

4*5²⁶⁹ – Ezekiel (30 years old) Experiences His 1st Vision of *Yahweh's* Throne

☐Ezekiel 1:1-3:15

4*12²⁷⁰ - Ezekiel Appointed as Israel's Watchman

☐Ezekiel 3:16-4:17

?? - Jeremiah Demands Submission to Nebuchadnezzar

☐Jeremiah 27:1-22

5*?²⁷¹ - Jeremiah Rebukes the Prophet Hananiah

☐Jeremiah 28:1-16

Year Beginning 7*1 in 594 BC = 5th Year of Zedekiah

7*?²⁷² – Hananiah Dies as Jeremiah Predicted

☐Jeremiah 28:17

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 593 BC = 12th (13th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
864th Year of the Exodus/6th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
13th Year of Daniel's Captivity**

4*18²⁷³ - Ezekiel Finishes 390 Days on His Left Side²⁷⁴

☐(Per Ezekiel 4:5)

5*28²⁷⁵ – Ezekiel Finishes 40 Days on His Right Side

☐(Per Ezekiel 4:6)

6*? - Ezekiel Prophesies the Desolation of Jerusalem and Judah

☐Ezekiel 5:1-7:27

6*5²⁷⁶ – Ezekiel Experiences His 2nd Vision of *Yahweh's* Throne

☐Ezekiel 8:1-11:25

Other Prophecies of Ezekiel (most likely from this time period)

☐Ezekiel 12:1-13:23

Year Beginning 7*1 in 593 BC = 6th Year of Zedekiah

²⁶⁹ SAT/SUN 12/13 JUN in 594 BC.

²⁷⁰ SAT/SUN 19/20 JUN in 594 BC.

²⁷¹ 5*1 = FRI/SAT 6/7 AUG in 594 BC.

²⁷² 7*1 = MON/TUE 4/5 OCT in 594 BC.

²⁷³ THU/FRI 13/14 JUL in 593 BC.

²⁷⁴ The exact chronology of Judah's final years is made certain by these unusual, prophetic actions of Ezekiel. There must be 430 days between 4*12 in the 5th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile and 6*5 in the 6th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile, indicating the presence of an inter-calendarary 13th month. Such was the case in the year 594/93 BC, but not in the years immediately preceding or following it.

²⁷⁵ TUE/WED 22/23 AUG in 593 BC.

²⁷⁶ MON/TUE 28/29 AUG in 593 BC. The seventh day after Ezekiel's pantomime ended.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 592 BC = 13th (14th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
865th Year of the Exodus/7th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
14th Year of Daniel's Captivity**

5*10²⁷⁷ – *Yahweh* Rebukes the Exiles for Inquiring of Him

☐Ezekiel 20:1 (cf. 14:1)

☐Ezekiel 14:1-11; 20:2-44; 14:11-23

Other prophecies of Ezekiel (most likely from this time period)

☐15:1-16:63

Year Beginning 7*1 in 591 BC = 8th Year of Zedekiah/118th Sabbatical Year

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 590 BC = 15th (16th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
867th Year of the Exodus/9th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
16th Year of Daniel's Captivity**

Probably in the Spring

Zedekiah Rebels against Nebuchadnezzar

☐2 Chronicles 36:13-16 (cf. 2 Kings 24:20)

Prophecies of Ezekiel Relating to the Recent Rebellion of Zedekiah

☐Ezekiel 17:1-24

Other prophecies of Ezekiel (most likely from this time period)

☐Ezekiel 18:1-19:14

During the Spring and/or Summer

Jeremiah Arrested and Beaten after Prophesying in the Valley of Topheth

☐Jeremiah 18:1-20:2

Jeremiah Prophecies Against Pashur

☐Jeremiah 20:3-18

Ezekiel Prophecies against Jerusalem²⁷⁸

☐Ezekiel 20:45-23:48

Year Beginning 7*1 in 590 BC = 9th Year of Zedekiah

10*10²⁷⁹

Jerusalem Besieged by Babylon

☐Jeremiah 52:4 (cf. 2 Kings 25:1; 2 Chronicles 36:17a; Jeremiah 39:1)

Ezekiel Prophecies to the Exiles in Babylon

☐Ezekiel 24:1-18:a

10*11²⁸⁰ - Death of Ezekiel's Wife

☐Ezekiel 24:18b-27

Probably Very Early in the Siege - Jeremiah Prophecies against Zedekiah

☐Jeremiah 21:1-14

☐Jeremiah 34:1-22

²⁷⁷ WED/THU 25/26 JUL in 592 BC.

²⁷⁸ "Teman" in 20:46 should be understood as the direction "southward," i.e., toward Judah.

²⁷⁹ SAT/SUN 27/28 DEC in 590 BC.

²⁸⁰ SUN/MON 28/29 DEC in 590 BC.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 589 BC = 16th (17th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
868th Year of the Exodus/10th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
17th Year of Daniel's Captivity**

Probably during the Spring and/or Summer

King Zedekiah again asks Jeremiah to intercede with God

□Jeremiah 37:3-4

Nebuchadnezzar Suspends His Siege To Fight Pharaoh Apries (a.k.a. Hophra)

□Jeremiah 37:5-10

Jeremiah Arrested, Beaten and Imprisoned in the House of Jonathan the Scribe

□Jeremiah 37:11-16

Zedekiah Secretly Confers with Jeremiah

□Jeremiah 37:17-20

Jeremiah Thrown into an Empty Cistern

□Jeremiah 38:1-6

Ebed-Melech Intervenes on Jeremiah's Behalf

□Jeremiah 38:7-13

Zedekiah Secretly Confers with Jeremiah

□Jeremiah 38:14-26

Zedekiah Confines Jeremiah to the Court of the Guardhouse

□Jeremiah 38:27-28

After Defeating Apries, Nebuchadnezzar Reinstates His Siege of Jerusalem

Year Beginning 7*1 in 589 BC = 10th Year of Zedekiah

10*12²⁸¹ – Ezekiel Prophecies against Pharaoh (In Written Form)²⁸²

□Ezekiel 29:1-16

??? - Ezekiel Prophecies against Egypt (In Written Form)

□Ezekiel 30:1-19

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 588 BC = 17th (18th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
869th Year of the Exodus/11th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
18th Year of Daniel's Captivity**

1*1²⁸³ – Ezekiel Prophecies against Tyre & Sidon (In Written Form)

□Ezekiel 26:1-28:26

1*7²⁸⁴ – Ezekiel Prophecies against Pharaoh (In Written Form)

□Ezekiel 30:20-26

3*1²⁸⁵ – Ezekiel Prophecies against Pharaoh (In Written Form)

□Ezekiel 31:1-18

??? - Jeremiah Redeems a Property in Anathoth

□Jeremiah 32:1-44

??? - Jeremiah Prophecies Judah's Restoration and the Righteous Branch of David

□Jeremiah 33:1-26

²⁸¹ SAT/SUN 18/19 DEC in 589 BC.

²⁸² From his wife's death (DEC 590 BC) until the arrival of the first survivors of the siege of Jerusalem (DEC 587 BC) – three whole years - Ezekiel was to be mute (Ezekiel 24:25-27). Therefore the prophecies from this time period must have been in written form only.

²⁸³ Since no month is given, the first month of the year may have been assumed. SUN/MON 3/4 APR in 588 BC.

²⁸⁴ SAT/SUN 9/10 APR in 588 BC.

²⁸⁵ WED/THU 1/2 JUN in 588 BC.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 587 BC = 18th (19th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
870th Year of the Exodus/12th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
19th Year of Daniel's Captivity
(1st Year of Jerusalem's Desolation)**

Shortly Before the City's Fall - Jeremiah Prophesies Protection for Ebed-melech

☐Jeremiah 39:15-18

4*9²⁸⁶ – Walls of Jerusalem Breeched

☐Jeremiah 52:5-7a (cf. 2 Kings 25:2-4a; Jeremiah 39:2-3)

4*10²⁸⁷ – Zedekiah Captured

☐Jeremiah 52:7b-9a (cf. 2 Kings 25:4b-6a; Jeremiah 39:4-5a)

?? - Zedekiah Blinded after Seeing His Sons Executed

☐Jeremiah 52:9b-11a (cf. 2 Kings 25:6b-7a; Jeremiah 39:5b-7)

5*7²⁸⁸ – Nebuzaradan Arrives at Jerusalem

☐2 Kings 25:8

5*? - Babylonians Rescue Jeremiah

☐Jeremiah 39:11-14a

5*10²⁸⁹ – Nebuzaradan Burns the Temple, the Palace and Destroys the Walls

☐Jeremiah 52:12-14 (cf. 2 Kings 25:9-10; 2 Chronicles 36:17b-19; Jeremiah 39:8)

5*? - Nebuzaradan Plunders the Temple

☐Jeremiah 52:17-23 (cf. 2 Kings 25:13-17; 2 Chronicles 36:18)

5*? - Gedaliah Appointed Provincial Governor of Judah

☐2 Kings 25:22

During the Summer

Nebuzaradan Releases Jeremiah at Ramah

☐Jeremiah 40:1-6 (cf. Jeremiah 39:14b)

Yahweh Instructs Jeremiah to Record His Prophecies

☐Jeremiah 30:1-31:40

LAMENTATIONS, traditionally written by Jeremiah, after his release from custody, is a lament over Jerusalem's desolation.

☐Lamentations 1:1-5:22

Gedaliah Encourages the Remnant to Serve Babylon

☐Jeremiah 40:7-16 (cf. 2 Kings 25:23-24)

Captives Moved from Ramah to Riblah for Deportation to Babylon

☐Jeremiah 52:15-16 (cf. 2 Kings 25:11-12; Jeremiah 39:9-10)

☐Jeremiah 52:24-25 (cf. 2 Kings 25:18-19)

☐Jeremiah 52:29

☐2 Chronicles 36:20-21

Key Religious and Governmental Leaders Executed by Nebuchadnezzar

☐Jeremiah 52:26-27 (cf. 2 Kings 25:20-21)

²⁸⁶ WED/THU 28/29 JUN in 587 BC.

²⁸⁷ THU/FRI 29/30 JUN in 587 BC.

²⁸⁸ WED/THU 26/27 JUL in 587 BC.

²⁸⁹ SAT/SUN 29/30 JUL in 587 BC.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 587 BC

7*?²⁹⁰ - Gedaliah Assassinated by Ishmael

☐Jeremiah 41:1-15 (cf. 2 Kings 25:25)

7*? - Johanan Forces Jeremiah to Accompany Him into Egypt

☐Jeremiah 41:16-43:7 (cf. 2 Kings 25:26)

??? - Jeremiah Prophesies Doom for the Remnant in Egypt

☐Jeremiah 43:8-13 44:1-30

??? - *Yahweh* Reminds Ezekiel of His Responsibilities as Israel's Watchman

☐Ezekiel 33:1-20

10*5²⁹¹ – Ezekiel Prophesies after Refugees from Judah Arrive in Babylon

☐Ezekiel 33:21-39:29

☐Psalm 137

12*1²⁹² – Ezekiel Prophesies against Egypt

☐Ezekiel 32:1-16

12?*15²⁹³ – Ezekiel Prophesies against Egypt

☐Ezekiel 32:17-32

OBADIAH warned Edom that their gloating over Jerusalem's destruction would be short-lived since the day of the *Yahweh*'s judgment upon all nations, including Edom (cf. Ezekiel 35), was drawing near.

☐Obadiah 1:1-21

Other Prophecies of Jeremiah & Ezekiel

☐Jeremiah 48:1-49:33

☐Ezekiel 25:1-17

Year Beginning 1*1 in 582 BC = 23rd (24th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

875th Year of the Exodus/17th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/

24th Year of Daniel's Captivity

6th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation

??? - 745 Judeans Taken into Babylonian Custody

☐Jeremiah 52:30

²⁹⁰ 7*1 = SUN/MON 17/18 OCT in 587 BC.

²⁹¹ TUE/WED 19/20 DEC in 587 BC.

²⁹² MON/TUE 12/13 FEB in 586 BC.

²⁹³ MON/TUE 26/27 APR in 586 BC.

During the Reign of Nebuchadnezzar

Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah Miraculously Rescued from the Furnace

☐ Daniel 3:1-30

Nebuchadnezzar's Period of Insanity

☐ Daniel 4:1-37

Year Beginning 1*1 in 574 BC = 31st (32nd) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

883rd Year of the Exodus/25th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/

32nd Year of Daniel's Captivity

14th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation²⁹⁴

1*10²⁹⁵ – Ezekiel Experiences a Vision about the Temple and the Land of Israel

☐ Ezekiel 40:1-48:35

Year Beginning 1*1 in 572 BC = 33rd (34th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

885th Year of the Exodus/27th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/

34th Year of Daniel's Captivity

16th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation

1*1²⁹⁶ – Ezekiel Prophesies against Egypt

☐ Ezekiel 29:17-21

Some Undated Psalms

☐ Psalm 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 85, 89, 120, 123, 129

Year Beginning 1*1 in 570 BC = 35th (36th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

887th Year of the Exodus/29th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/

36th Year of Daniel's Captivity

18th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation

??? General Amasis takes over control of Egypt from Pharaoh Apries, who flees

??? - Jeremiah Prophesies Doom for the Remnant in Egypt

☐ Jeremiah 44:1-30

Year Beginning 1*1 in 567 BC = 38th (39th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/

890th Year of the Exodus/32nd Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/

39th Year of Daniel's Captivity

21st Year of Jerusalem's Desolation

??? Pharaoh Apries tries to retake control from Amasis, possibly with Babylonian assistance

??? Nebuchadnezzar invades Egypt, capturing the Judean exiles who kidnapped Jeremiah²⁹⁷

??? Apries captured by Amasis & later strangled by Egyptians;²⁹⁸ Amasis continues as Pharaoh²⁹⁹

²⁹⁴ According to Ezekiel 40:1.

²⁹⁵ SAT/SUN 28/29 MAR in 574 BC.

²⁹⁶ WED/THU 7/8 APR in 572 BC.

²⁹⁷ According to Josephus' Antiquities 10.9.7.

²⁹⁸ According to Herodotus in Histories 2.169.3.

²⁹⁹ Josephus credited Nebuchadnezzar with credit for Apries' death & Amasis' ascendancy (Antiquities 10.9.7)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 562 BC = 43rd (44th) Year of Nebuchadnezzar/
895th Year of the Exodus/37th Year of Jehoiachin's Exile/
44th Year of Daniel's Captivity/
26th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

?? – Nebuchadnezzar dies; Amel-Marduk becomes King of Babylon

12*25 (or 12*24, per LXX) (or 12*27)³⁰⁰ – Jehoiachin Released from Custody

☐Jeremiah 52:31-34 (cf. 2 Kings 25:27-30)

**Probably 549/48 BC = 7th Year of Nabonidus/908th Year of the Exodus/
1st Year of Belshazzar, Crown Prince of Babylon³⁰¹/
57th Year of Daniel's Captivity/
39th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

?? - Daniel's Vision about Four Kingdoms

☐Daniel 7:1-28

**Probably 547/46 BC = 9th Year of Nabonidus/910th Year of the Exodus/
3rd Year of Belshazzar, Crown Prince of Babylon/
59th Year of Daniel's Captivity/
41st Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

?? - Daniel's Vision about the Median/Persian and Grecian Empires

☐Daniel 8:1-27

³⁰⁰ SUN/MON 20/21 MAR (or SAT/SUN 19/20 MAR, per LXX) (or TUE/WED 22/23 MAR) in 560 BC. Jehoiachin was apparently released as part of the celebration marking the start of Amel-Marduk's 1st Year.

³⁰¹ From about the 7th Year of Nabonidus onward, Belshazzar ruled Babylon while his father remained at the Arabian oasis of Tema. This is why Belshazzar could only offer Daniel the third place in the kingdom, not the second place, since that was his own position (Daniel 5:16).

Chart 13 - Regnal Years of the Median/Persian Kings of Babylon

538 BC	Darius the Mede
537-530 BC	Cyrus the Great
529-522 BC	Cambyses
[522 BC]	Pseudo-Smerdis
521-486 BC	Darius
485-465 BC	Xerxes ³⁰²
464-424 BC	Artaxerxes
423-405 BC	Darius II
404-359 BC	Artaxerxes II
358-338 BC	Ochus (a.k.a. Artaxerxes III)
337-336 BC	Arses (a.k.a. Artaxerxes IV)
335-330 BC	Darius III

³⁰² The regnal dating of Xerxes, Artaxerxes, Darius II and Artaxerxes II has been confirmed through double-dated (Egyptian/Jewish) letters found on the Nile island of Elephantine.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 539 BC = 17th Year of Nabonidus/918th Year of the Exodus/
11th Year of Belshazzar, Crown Prince of Babylon/
67th Year of Daniel's Captivity/
49th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

7*16³⁰³

Daniel Prophesies the Imminent Capture of Babylon

□ Daniel 5:1-29

Darius the Mede³⁰⁴ (62 years old) Captures Babylon for Cyrus the Persian

□ Daniel 5:30-31

8*3³⁰⁵ – Cyrus the Persian Enters Babylon With Great Pomp

8*? – Darius the Mede Appoints *Satrap*s, Including Daniel³⁰⁶

□ Daniel 6:1-2

?*? - Daniel Miraculously Rescued from the Lion Pit

□ Daniel 6:3-28

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 538 BC = 1st Year of Darius the Mede/919th Year of the Exodus/
68th Year of Daniel's Captivity/
50th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

?*? - Gabriel Informs Daniel about the Timing of Messiah's Coming³⁰⁷

□ Daniel 9:1-27

8*?³⁰⁸ – Darius the Mede dies³⁰⁹

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 537 BC = 1st Year of Cyrus/920th Year of the Exodus/
69th Year of Daniel's Captivity/
51st Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

?*? - Cyrus Issues a Decree Permitting the Rebuilding of the Temple

□ Ezra 1:1-11 (cf. 2 Chronicles 36:22-23)

?*? – Many Judeans Return with Zerubbabel and Jeshua

□ Ezra 2:1-2a, 64-69

□ Psalm 126

Year Beginning 7*1 in 537 BC

7*1³¹⁰ – Judeans Reinstate Burnt Offerings on a Rebuilt Altar

□ Ezra 2:70-3:6

³⁰³ According to the Chronicle of Nabonidus. SUN/MON 11/12 OCT in 539 BC.

³⁰⁴ According to the Chronicle of Nabonidus this man was named Gobryas (or Ugbaru). He was *Satrap* of Gutium and Darius' point man in the capture of Babylon.

³⁰⁵ According to the Chronicle of Nabonidus. WED/THU 28/29 OCT in 539 BC.

³⁰⁶ The Chronicle of Nabonidus indicates that Cyrus granted Gobryas the right to govern Babylon on his behalf, including the appointment of *satraps*.

³⁰⁷ Daniel's inquiry rose from the fact Jeremiah prophesied that Babylon would keep Jerusalem and the Temple desolate for 70 years (Jeremiah 25:8-14 and 29:10). In the clarification of this prophecy, Daniel also learned the timing of Messiah's coming and a subsequent desolation of Jerusalem and the Temple, that by the Romans in AD 70. See Chart 15: The 70 Sabbatical Cycles of Daniel 9:24-27.

³⁰⁸ According to the Chronicle of Nabonidus. 8*1 = FRI/SAT 15/16 OCT in 538 BC.

³⁰⁹ After Gobryas' death, Cyrus added the title "King of Babylon" to his many titles.

³¹⁰ WED/THU 4/5 OCT in 537 BC.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 536 BC = 2nd Year of Cyrus/921st Year of the Exodus/
70th Year of Daniel's Captivity/
52nd Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

2*?³¹¹ – Foundation Laid for New Temple

☐Ezra 3:7-13

?*? – Zerubbabel Refuses the Assistance of Those Living in and around Samaria

☐Ezra 4:1-3

From 536 BC Until 519 BC – Judean Rebuilding Efforts Impeded

☐Ezra 4:4-5, 24

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 535 BC = 3rd Year of Cyrus/922nd Year of the Exodus/
71st Year of Daniel's Captivity/
53rd Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

1*5³¹² –Daniel Begins a Prolonged Fast

☐Daniel 10:1-3

1*24³¹³ – Daniel Experiences His Final Vision

☐Daniel 10:4-12:13

Year Beginning 7*1 in 535 BC = 125th Sabbatical Year

Year Beginning 7*1 in 534 BC = 18th Year of Jubilee

Year Beginning 7*1 in 521 BC = 127th Sabbatical Year

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 520 BC = 2nd Year of Darius/937th Year of the Exodus/
68th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation**

6*1³¹⁴ – Judeans Urged to Finish the 2nd Temple

☐Haggai 1:1-13

6*24³¹⁵ – The people commit to resuming work on the 2nd Temple

☐Haggai 1:14-15

☐Ezra 5:1-2

7*21³¹⁶ - Haggai Encourages Israel

☐Haggai 2:1-9

?*? – Tattenai Writes to Darius about the Rebuilding Project

☐Ezra 5:3-17

8*?³¹⁷ – Zechariah Warns Israel

☐Zechariah 1:1-6

9*24³¹⁸ - Haggai Encourages Israel

☐Haggai 2:10-23

11*24³¹⁹ - Visions of Zechariah

☐Zechariah 1:7-6:15

³¹¹ 1*1 = SAT/SUN 28/29 APR in 536 BC.

³¹² SAT/SUN 23/24 MAR in 535 BC.

³¹³ THU/FRI 11/12 APR in 535 BC.

³¹⁴ MON/TUE 28/29 AUG in 520 BC.

³¹⁵ WED/THU 20/21 SEP in 5120 BC.

³¹⁶ MON/TUE 16/17 OCT in 520 BC.

³¹⁷ 8*1 = THU/FRI 26/27 OCT in 520 BC.

³¹⁸ SUN/MON 17/18 DEC in 520 BC.

³¹⁹ WED/THU 14/15 FEB in 519 BC.

Chart 14 - Census of Returnees in 537 BC

Nehemiah 7:5 makes it clear that Nehemiah 7:6-68 was a copy of Ezra 2:1-69. Variants between these two texts are good examples of the most common type of scribal (copyist) error, involving long lists of names and/or numbers. The Nehemiah variants are shown in parentheses

The main leaders of this return were Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah (Azariah), Reelaiah (Nahamani), Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar (Mispereth), Bigvai, Rehum (Nehum), and Baanah.

A. Israelis

Ancestral City or Village	Census
Parosh	2,172
Shephatiah	372
Arah	775 (652)
Pahath-moab, Of the sons of Jeshua <i>and</i> Joab	2,812 (2,818)
Elam	1,254
Zattu	945 (845)
Zaccai	760
Bani (Binnui)	642 (648)
Bebai	623 (628)
Azgad	1,222 (2,322)
Adonikam	666 (667)
Bigvai	2,056 (2,067)
Adin	454 (655)
Ater of Hezekiah	98
Bezai	323 (324)
Jorah (Hariph)	112
Hashum	223 (328)
Gibbar (Gibeon)	95
Bethlehem	123
Netophah	56
Bethlehem	123
(Total for Bethlehem and Netophah)	(188)
Anathoth	128
(Beth-)Azmaveth	42
Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth	743
Ramah and Geba	621
Michmas	122
Bethel and Ai	223 (123)
(The other) Nebo	52
Magbish	156 (None Given)
The other Elam	1,254
Harim	320
Lod, Hadid, and Ono	725 (721)
Jericho	345
Senaah	3,630 (3,930)

B. Priests

Clan Name	Census
Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua	973
Immer	1,052
Pashhur	1,247
Harim	1,017

C. Levites

Clan Name	Census
Levitical Leaders: Jeshua and Kadmiel of Hodaviah (Hodevah)	74
Singers: Clan Asaph	128 (148)
Gatekeepers: Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita and Shobai	139 (138)
Temple Servants: Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth, Keros, Siaha (Sia), Padon, Lebanah (Lebana), Hagabah (Hagaba), Akkub, Hagab (not in Nehemiah), Shalmai, Hanan, Giddel, Gahar, Reaiah, Rezin, Nekoda, Gazzam, Uzza, Paseah, Besai, Asnah (not in Nehemiah), Meunim, Nephisim (Nephushesim), Bakbuk, Hakupha, Harhur, Bazluth (Bazlith), Mehida, Harsha, Barkos, Sisera, Temah, Nezhiah and Hatipha “Solomon’s Servants”: Sotai, Hassophereth (Sophereth), Peruda (Perida), Jaalah (Jaala), Darkon, Giddel, Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth-hazzebaim and Ami (Amon)	392

D. Undocumented Levites and Priests

Clan Name	Census
Undocumented Levites: Delaiah, Tobiah and Nekoda	652 (642)
Undocumented Priests: Habaiah Descendants of Barzillai the Gileadite	None Given

E. Overall Totals

	Census
Total Men Counted in Census	42,360
Personal Servants, Male and Female	7,337
Non-Temple Singers, Male and Female	200 (245)
Horses	736
Mules	245
Camels	435
Donkeys	6,720
Gold, in <i>drachmas</i> ³²⁰	61,000
Silver, in <i>minas</i> ³²¹	5,000
Sets of priestly clothing	100

³²⁰ 1 *drachma* or *daric* = 40 days of wages for a common worker.

³²¹ 1 *mina* = approximately 1.25 pounds (weight).

Probably 519/18 BC = 3rd Year of Darius/938th Year of the Exodus

??? – Darius Replies to Tattenai about the Rebuilding Project

□Ezra 6:1-13

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 518 BC = 4th Year of Darius/939th Year of the Exodus/
70th Year of Jerusalem's Desolation³²²**

9*4³²³ - Instructions Regarding Fasts Commemorating the Temple's Desolation

□Zechariah 7:1-8:23

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 516 BC = 6th Year of Darius/941st Year of the Exodus/
72nd Year of Jerusalem's Desolation/
22nd Year of Cyrus' Decree/1st Year of the 2nd Temple**

12*3³²⁴ - Temple Construction Completed

□Ezra 6:14-18

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 515 BC = 7th Year of Darius/942nd Year of the Exodus/
2nd Year of the 2nd Temple**

1*14-22³²⁵ - Passover/Unleavened Bread Observed

□Ezra 6:19-22

Other Prophecies of Zechariah

□Zechariah 9:1-14:21

Early in the Reign of Xerxes - Enemies of Judah Lodge Another Official Complaint³²⁶

□Ezra 4:6

Year Beginning 7*1 in 484 BC = 3rd Year of Xerxes (Jewish)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 483 BC = 3rd Year of Xerxes /974th Year of the Exodus/
34th Year of the 2nd Temple**

??? - Xerxes Deposes Queen Vashti

□Esther 1:1-22

Year Beginning 7*1 in 481 BC = 6th Year of Xerxes (Jewish)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 480 BC = 6th Year of Xerxes/977th Year of the Exodus/
37th Year of the 2nd Temple**

Xerxes Decides to Replace Vashti

□Esther 2:1-15

³²² According to Zechariah 7:5.

³²³ FRI/SAT 6/7 DEC in 518 BC.

³²⁴ WED/THU 9/10 FEB in 515 BC.

³²⁵ WED/THU 20/21 – THU/FRI 28/29 APR IN 515 BC.

³²⁶ This may explain Mordecai's insistence that Esther keep her Jewish heritage a secret (Esther 2:10).

Year Beginning 7*1 in 480 BC = 7th Year of Xerxes (Jewish)

10*?³²⁷ – Esther Presented to Xerxes

□Esther 2:16

?*? – Xerxes Officially Replaces Vashti with Esther

□Esther 2:17-20

Before the End of the Year - Xerxes Departs Susa for Sardis³²⁸

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 479 BC = 7th Year of Xerxes/978th Year of the Exodus/
38th Year of the 2nd Temple**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 479 BC = 8th Year of Xerxes (Jewish)

11*29³²⁹ - Xerxes Departs Sardis for His Disastrous Invasion of Greece³³⁰

**Probably 478/77 BC = 8th Year of Xerxes/979th Year of the Exodus/
39th Year of the 2nd Temple**

?*? - Mordecai Informs Xerxes of an Assassination Plot³³¹

□Esther 2:21-23

Year Beginning 7*1 in 475 BC = 12th Year of Xerxes (Jewish)

?*? - Haman Decides To Purge the Kingdom of All Jews

□Esther 3:1-6

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 474 BC = 12th Year of Xerxes/983rd Year of the Exodus/
43rd Year of the 2nd Temple**

1*1³³² – Haman Determines the Date for His Purge

□Esther 3:7

1*13³³³ – Haman Convinces Xerxes to Authorize His Purge

□Esther 3:8-15

3*20³³⁴ - Mordecai Warns Esther about the Purge Order

□Esther 3:16-4:17

3*22³³⁵ – Esther Petitions Xerxes for a Special Audience

□Esther 5:1-14

3*23³³⁶ - Haman Executed and the Jews Given the Right of Preemptory Defense

□Esther 6:1-8:17

Year Beginning 7*1 in 473 BC = 13th Year of Xerxes (Jewish)

12*13-15³³⁷ – Jews Defend Themselves Against Haman's Purge

□Esther 9:1-32

³²⁷ 10*1 = SUN/MON 2/3 DEC in 480 BC.

³²⁸ Herodotus' The Histories, 7.20.

³²⁹ Dated by a total solar eclipse on 17 February 478 BC.

³³⁰ Herodotus' The Histories, 7.37.

³³¹ This plot probably arose when Xerxes returned from his humiliating defeat by the Greeks in 478 BC.

³³² TUE/WED 3/4 APR in 474 BC.

³³³ SUN/MON 15/16 APR in 474.

³³⁴ THU/FRI 21/22 JUN in 474 BC.

³³⁵ SAT/SUN 23/24 JUN in 474 BC.

³³⁶ SUN/MON 24/25 JUN in 474 BC.

³³⁷ WED/THU 5/6 – FRI/SAT 7/8 FEB in 473 BC.

473-465 BC = Remainder of Xerxes' Reign

Mordecai Functions as Xerxes' Advisor

☐ Esther 10:1-3

An Anonymous Psalm

☐ Psalm 102

Year Beginning 7*1 in 458 BC = 137th Sabbatical Year/7th Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 457 BC = 8th Year of Artaxerxes/1001st Year of the Exodus/ 60th Year of the 2nd Temple

1*1³³⁸ - Ezra Commissioned to Rebuild Jerusalem

☐ Ezra 7:1-26

1*? - Ezra Assembles Leading Men of Israel to Return to Jerusalem

☐ Ezra 7:27-8:15

1*10³³⁹ - Ezra Proclaims a Fast and Accounts for the Sacred Items

☐ Ezra 8:16-30

1*11³⁴⁰ - *Sabbath* Rest

1*12³⁴¹ - Ezra Departs for Jerusalem

☐ Ezra 8:31

5*1³⁴² - Ezra Arrives at Jerusalem

☐ Ezra 7:8

5*4³⁴³ - Ezra Accounts for Sacred Items

☐ Ezra 8:32-36

Year Beginning 7*1 in 457 BC = 8th Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

??? - Ezra Orders the Walls of Jerusalem Rebuilt³⁴⁴

☐ [Per Ezra 4:13-14]

??? - The Enemies of the Jews Warn Artaxerxes That Jerusalem Is Being Rewalled

☐ Ezra 4:7-16

9*18³⁴⁵ - Ezra Inquires of *Yahweh* Regarding the Issue of Mixed Marriages

☐ Ezra 9:1-10:8

9*20³⁴⁶ - Ezra Establishes an Investigation Committee

☐ Ezra 10:9-15

10*1³⁴⁷ - Investigative Committee Convenes

☐ Ezra 10:16

³³⁸ TUE/WED 26/27 MAR in 457 BC.

³³⁹ THU/FRI 4/5 APR in 457 BC.

³⁴⁰ FRI/SAT 5/6 APR in 457 BC.

³⁴¹ SAT/SUN 6/7 APR IN 457 BC.

³⁴² TUE/WED 23/24 JUL in 457 BC.

³⁴³ FRI/SAT 26/27 JUL in 457 BC.

³⁴⁴ This event marks the starting point for Daniel's 70 Sabbatical Cycles.

³⁴⁵ FRI/SAT 6/7 DEC in 457 BC.

³⁴⁶ SUN/MON 8/9 DEC in 457 BC.

³⁴⁷ TUE/WED 17/18 DEC in 457 BC.

Chart 15 - The 70 Sabbatical Cycles of Daniel 9:24-27

In my estimation, there are two keys to understanding this fascinating passage of Scripture - first, the “sevens” being referred to by Gabriel are Sabbatical cycles and not just seven-year periods; and second, the decree mentioned in verse 25 was made by Ezra. When this prophecy came to Daniel in 538 BC, he was an old man who had been living in Babylon since his capture by the Babylonians 68 years earlier. After Babylon fell to the Median/Persian Empire, Daniel immediately turned his attention to Jeremiah’s prophecy that Jerusalem’s desolation would only last 70 years (Jeremiah 25). Perhaps Daniel hoped for divine confirmation that this time limit was to be counted from the start of his own exile and that it was now nearing completion. Instead, the aged prophet learned about another, future desolation of Jerusalem, which would follow the arrival of a Jewish king called Messiah.³⁴⁸

Here then, is my understanding of the major components of this prophecy

Prophecy	Fulfillment
Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem and Its Walls	Ezra Decreed the Rebuilding of Jerusalem and Its Walls in 457 BC (Ezra 7:6; 9:9; 4:6-23) This decree came at the end of one Sabbatical Cycle and at the beginning of another.
7 Sabbatical Cycles for Rebuilding Jerusalem	Fall of 457 BC – Fall of 408 BC
62 Sabbatical Cycles until Messiah	Fall of 408 BC – Fall of AD 27
The 70 th Sabbatical Cycle	Fall of AD 27 – Fall of AD 34
Messiah to be cut off during the 70 th Cycle. Sacrifices to end.	Jesus was crucified in the Spring of AD 33. This ended the need for sacrifice (Cf. Hebrews).
After Messiah, Jerusalem and the Temple were to be made desolate.	After Jesus, Jerusalem and the Temple were made desolate (in AD 70) by the Romans. Jesus predicted this event in his “Olivet Discourse,” even citing Daniel 9:26-27. (Matthew 24:4-28//Mark 13:5-23//Luke 21:10-24).

³⁴⁸ Hebrew: *masiyakh*, from the verb *mashakh* ("to anoint with olive oil"), in reference to a formal ceremony of consecration used to designate Israeli priests, kings and prophets.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 456 BC = 9th Year of Artaxerxes/1002nd Year of the Exodus/
61st Year of the 2nd Temple**

1*1³⁴⁹ – Investigative Committee Reports Its Findings

□Ezra 10:17-44

??? - Artaxerxes Orders that Work on Jerusalem's Wall Cease Immediately

□Ezra 4:17-23

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 445 BC = 20th Year of Artaxerxes/1012th Year of the Exodus/
72nd Year of the 2nd Temple**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 445 BC = 20th Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

9*?³⁵⁰ – Nehemiah Responds to Reports on Conditions in Jerusalem

□Nehemiah 1:1-11

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 444 BC = 21st Year of Artaxerxes/1013th Year of the Exodus/
73rd Year of the 2nd Temple**

1*?³⁵¹ - Nehemiah Commissioned to Rebuild Jerusalem's Walls

□Nehemiah 2:1-8

Probably in the 4th Month - Nehemiah Inspects the Walls Shortly After His Arrival

□Nehemiah 2:9-16

5*4-6*25³⁵² - Walls Rebuilt in 52 Days

□Nehemiah 2:17-6:19

??? - Nehemiah's Census of Judah³⁵³

□Nehemiah 7:1-5, 70-73a

Year Beginning 7*1 in 444 BC = 139th Sabbatical/21st Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

7*1³⁵⁴

Wall Dedicated

□Nehemiah 12:27-47

Ezra Reads the Book of Deuteronomy to the Assembly³⁵⁵

□Nehemiah 7:73b-8:12

□Nehemiah 13:1-3

7*2³⁵⁶ - Ezra Continues Reading to the Assembly

□Nehemiah 8:13-15

7*15-22³⁵⁷ - Tabernacles Celebrated

□Nehemiah 8:16-18

7*24³⁵⁸ - Reestablishment of the Covenant

□Nehemiah 9:1-12:26

³⁴⁹ SAT/SUN 15/16 MAR in 456 BC.

³⁵⁰ 9*1 = FRI/SAT 5/6 DEC in 445 BC.

³⁵¹ 1*1 = THU/FRI 2/3 APR in 444 BC.

³⁵² FRI/SAT 31 JUL/1 AUG – SUN/MON 20/21 SEP in 444 BC.

³⁵³ Nehemiah recites Zerubbabel's earlier census, but supplies no information from his own census. See Chart 14: Census of Returnees in 537 BC.

³⁵⁴ FRI/SAT 25/26 SEP in 444 BC.

³⁵⁵ This was done in accordance with Moses' own instructions in Deuteronomy 31:10-13, and marks the beginning of a Sabbatical Year.

³⁵⁶ SAT/SUN 26/27 SEP in 444 BC.

³⁵⁷ FRI/SAT 9/10 – FRI/SAT 16/17 OCT in 444 BC.

³⁵⁸ SUN/MON 18/19 OCT in 444 BC.

Some More Anonymous Psalms

☐ Psalm 146-150

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 437 BC = 28th Year of Artaxerxes/1020th Year of the Exodus/
80th Year of the 2nd Temple**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 437 BC = 140th Sabbatical/28th Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 436 BC = 29th Year of Artaxerxes/1021st Year of the Exodus/
81st Year of the 2nd Temple**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 436 BC = 20th Year of Jubilee/29th Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 433 BC = 32nd Year of Artaxerxes/1024th Year of the Exodus/
84th Year of the 2nd Temple**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 433 BC = 32nd Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

Nehemiah Returns to Babylon

☐ [Per Nehemiah 13:6a]

Between Nehemiah's 1st and 2nd Tenure as the Persian Governor of Judah

Eliashib Permits Tobiah to Live in the Temple

☐ Nehemiah 13:4-5

MALACHI is the final prophetic writing of the Old Testament period. It reflects covenantal abuses (such as those corrected by Nehemiah during his 2nd tenure as Governor of Judah) and prophesies the coming of an Elijah-like predecessor to the Messiah.

☐ Malachi 1:1-4:6

Before 425 BC³⁵⁹ - During Nehemiah's 2nd Tenure as the Persian Governor of Judah

Nehemiah Evicts Tobiah from the Temple

☐ Nehemiah 13:6b-9

Nehemiah Incensed by Many Violations of the Covenant

☐ Nehemiah 13:10-30

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 430 BC = 35th Year of Artaxerxes/1027th Year of the Exodus/
87th Year of the 2nd Temple**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 430 BC = 141st Sabbatical/35th Year of Artaxerxes (Jewish)

Well done!

You have now completed your journey through the inspired writings of the Old Testament! I have no doubt that you discovered a lot of things you never knew before and perhaps rediscovered a few you had forgotten. Now, before you move into the equally inspired writings of the New Testament - where you'll want to keep your eyes open for frequent references or allusions to the Old Testament - let me provide you with some key moments in Jewish history during the 400-year period that took place between the two.

³⁵⁹ Because Artaxerxes died in 425 BC.

First of all, this is how the Macedonian Greeks came to dominate the Middle East.

(Much of this history is included in Josephus' Antiquities Book 9.7 – 12.1.)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 336 BC = 1121st Year of the Exodus/181st Year of the 2nd Temple

Darius III (40 yrs) became the final king of the Persian Empire.

Darius III appointed Sanballat as the Persian ruler of Samaria province.

Sanballat married his daughter to Manasseh, brother of the Jewish High Priest Jaddua.

OCT – Philip of Macedon was assassinated; His son, Alexander (20 yrs) took his place.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 335 BC = 1122nd Year of the Exodus/182nd Year of the 2nd Temple

Jewish complaints forced Manasseh to consider divorcing his Samaritan wife.

Sanballat promised Manasseh a High Priesthood & a Temple if he would just move to Samaria.

Manasseh & other renegade priests defected to Samaria, effectively starting the Samaritan religion.

[Over many years, a continuing flow of Jewish renegades, greatly strengthened the Samaritan faith.]

Year Beginning 1*1 in 334 BC = 1123rd Year of the Exodus/183rd Year of the 2nd Temple

Spring – Alexander invaded the Persian Empire by crossing the Hellespont.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 333 BC = 1124th Year of the Exodus/184th Year of the 2nd Temple

NOV – Alexander defeated Darius III at the Battle of Issus.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 332 BC = 1125th Year of the Exodus/185th Year of the 2nd Temple

Alexander granted permission for the Samaritans to build a Temple on Mt. Gerizim.

Alexander granted special protection of the Jewish religion throughout the Greek Empire.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 331 BC = 1126th Year of the Exodus/186th Year of the 2nd Temple

Alexander conquered Egypt & Babylonia.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 330 BC = 1127th Year of the Exodus/187th Year of the 2nd Temple

Darius III assassinated by one of his own men, ending the Persian Empire.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 324 BC = 1133rd Year of the Exodus/193rd Year of the 2nd Temple

Alexander's pushed his Greek Empire into NW India before returning to Mesopotamia.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 323 BC = 1134th Year of the Exodus/194th Year of the 2nd Temple

Alexander died at age 32 in Mesopotamia;

Ptolemy I arose as the first king of that portion of the Greek Empire that was in Egypt.

Second, this how the Jews came to use the Seleucid Era in dating events within their history.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 312 BC = 1145th Year of the Exodus/205th Year of the 2nd Temple

Seleucas I arose as the first king of that portion of the Greek Empire that was in Syria.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 312 BC = 1st Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 311 BC = 1146th Year of the Exodus/206th Year of the 2nd Temple/
1st Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Third, this is how the Greek Septuagint came into existence.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 280 BC = 1177th Year of the Exodus/237th Year of the 2nd Temple/
31st Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Ptolemy I died; Ptolemy II became sole ruler of Egypt.

c. 280 BC – The Library of Alexandria in Egypt – originally commissioned by Ptolemy I, with its stated purpose being the collection of every document in the known world – had already collected over 200,000 scrolls and was reportedly on track to soon have half a million on file (Antiquities 12.2.1). Demetrius, the librarian at Alexandria, made arrangements with Ptolemy II to have the entirety of the Old Testament translated into Greek, producing what is now known as the Septuagint (Antiquities 12.2).

Fourth, this is how the “abomination of desolation” (Daniel 11:31) was set up in the Temple.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 175 BC = 1282nd Year of the Exodus/342nd Year of the 2nd Temple/
136th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 175 BC = 137th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Seleucus IV of Syria was assassinated by his finance minister; Since the 10-year old heir, Demetrius, was living in Rome as a political hostage; Seleucus’ brother, Antiochus IV, killed the assassin and assumed control in Syria as the new king (1 Maccabees 1:10).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 174 BC = 1283rd Year of the Exodus/343rd Year of the 2nd Temple/
137th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 174 BC = 138th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Joshua/Jason bribed Antiochus IV in order to secure the Jewish High Priesthood. He then proceeded to work hard at Hellenizing the Jews (1 Maccabees 1:11-15; 2 Maccabees 4:7-17; Wars 12.5.1).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 171 BC = 1286th Year of the Exodus/346th Year of the 2nd Temple/
140th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 171 BC = 141st Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Menelaus bribed Antiochus IV in order to secure the Jewish High Priesthood. He then proceeded to continue Hellenizing the Jews (2 Maccabees 4:23-26).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 170 BC = 1287th Year of the Exodus/347th Year of the 2nd Temple/
141st Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Spring – Antiochus IV invaded Egypt (1 Maccabees 1:18-19).

Year Beginning 7*1 in 170 BC = 142nd Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 169 BC = 1288th Year of the Exodus/348th Year of the 2nd Temple/
142nd Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 169 BC = 143rd Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Antiochus IV withdrew from Egypt without capturing Alexandria (1 Maccabees 1:20).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 168 BC = 1289th Year of the Exodus/340th Year of the 2nd Temple/
143rd Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Spring – Antiochus IV invaded Egypt a second time but was turned back by the Romans; on his way back to Antioch he plundered the Jewish Temple (1 Maccabees 1:21-28; 2 Maccabees 5:1-23a).

Year Beginning 7*1 in 168 BC = 144th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 167 BC = 1290th Year of the Exodus/350th Year of the 2nd Temple/
144th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Pentecost³⁶⁰ – Apollonius massacred more Jews at Jerusalem, disrupting the daily sacrifices at the Jewish Temple in the process and thereby starting the 1,290 day count-down in Daniel 8:14.
(1 Maccabees 1:29-40; 2 Maccabees 5:23b-27)

Year Beginning 7*1 in 167 BC = 145th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Early Fall? - Antiochus IV decreed an end to the practice of Judaism (1 Maccabees 1:41-53)

7*28³⁶¹ – Jewish sacrifices completely ceased in the Jewish Temple after this date, starting the 1,150 day (2,300 “evening & morning” sacrifices, divided by 2) count-down of Daniel 8:14.

9*15³⁶² – A Greek altar of sacrifice was constructed in the Jewish Temple (1 Maccabees 1:54).

9*25³⁶³ – A Greek sacrifice was offered on the altar (1 Maccabees 1:59).

Winter – The priest Mattathias refused to allow Hellenization at Modein (1 Maccabees 2:1-28).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 166 BC = 1291st Year of the Exodus/351st Year of the 2nd Temple/
145th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Spring – Mattathias began an active guerilla war against the Hellenization (1 Maccabees 2:29-48).

? - Prior to his death, Mattathias encouraged his sons to continue the war (1 Maccabees 2:49-70);

Judas “Maccabee” (“The Hammerer”) became the next leader of the war (1 Maccabees 3:1-9).

166-164 BC – Judas Maccabee carried on an exceptionally effective war (1 Maccabees 3:10-4:35).

*Fifth, this is how the Temple was rededicated, fulfilling the prophecies of Daniel.*³⁶⁴

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 164 BC = 1293rd Year of the Exodus/353rd Year of the 2nd Temple/
147th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

**Year Beginning 7*1 in 164 BC = 148th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)/
179th Sabbatical Year**

9th Month – Judas Maccabee seized control of the Temple, cleansing it (1 Maccabees 4:36-49).

9*25 – Judas Maccabee rededicated the Temple (1 Maccabees 4:50-58);

[The holiday of Hanukkah was officially established by Judas Maccabee (1 Maccabees 4:59)]

Winter – Judas Maccabee fortified the Temple mount (1 Maccabees 4:60-61); he also carried on successful military operations against his enemies (1 Maccabees 5:1-68).

Winter – Informed of the Jewish victory, Antiochus IV headed for Judea; he died on the way (1 Maccabees 6:1-16 & 2 Maccabees 9:4-12).

³⁶⁰ SAT/SUN 3/4 JUN 167 BC.

³⁶¹ SAT/SUN 21/22 OCT 167 BC.

³⁶² WED/THU 6/7 DEC 167 BC.

³⁶³ SAT/SUN 16/17 DEC 167 BC.

³⁶⁴ This is my understanding of the prophetic timing mentioned in Daniel 12:7-12:

DAY 1 = Pentecost (4 June) of 167, when Antiochus IV stopped Temple sacrifices.

DAY 197 = 9*25 (17 December) of 167, when the Abomination of Desolation desecrated the Temple.

DAY 1,291 = 9*25 (14 December) of 164, when the Temple was rededicated after 1,290 days.

DAY 1,335 = 11*10 (27 January) of 163, probably represented the date of Antiochus IV's death.

Sixth, this is how the Jews were eventually freed from Macedonian Greek control.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 163 BC = 1294th Year of the Exodus/354th Year of the 2nd Temple/
148th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

1*15³⁶⁵ – Antiochus V was apparently willing to settle with the Jews³⁶⁶

Year Beginning 7*1 in 163 BC = 149th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

163-161 BC – The Gentiles of the region were not so forgiving & attacked the Jews; when Judas Maccabee responded in kind, Antiochus V continued the war (1 Maccabees 6 & 2 Maccabees 12-13).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 161 BC = 1296th Year of the Exodus/356th Year of the 2nd Temple/
150th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 161 BC = 151st Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Demetrius I, son of Seleucas IV, arrived in Syria to claim the throne;

Antiochus V was assassinated in favor of Demetrius I (1 Maccabees 7:1-4).

161-160 BC - Demetrius I continued the war (1 Maccabees 7-8 & 2 Maccabees 14-15)³⁶⁷

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 160 BC = 1297th Year of the Exodus/357th Year of the 2nd Temple/
151st Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Spring – Judas Maccabee reached out to the Romans for assistance against the Greeks;

he was killed in his very next military engagement (1 Maccabees 8:20-9:22).

Year Beginning 7*1 in 160 BC = 152nd Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

160-152 BC – Judas' brother Jonathan continued the Jewish struggle (1 Maccabees 9:23-73).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 152 BC = 1305th Year of the Exodus/365th Year of the 2nd Temple/
159th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 152 BC = 160th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Alexander, son of Antiochus V, arrived in Syria to challenge Demetrius I for the throne;

both Greek leaders offered Jonathan the High Priesthood in exchange for Jewish support;

Jonathan chose to support Alexander (1 Maccabees 10:1-45).

³⁶⁵ THU/FRI 29/30 APR 163 BC.

³⁶⁶ "To the nation the king's letter was as follows:

"King Antiochus to the senate of the Jews and to the other Jews, greetings.

'If you are well, it is as we desire. We also are in good health.

"Menelaus has informed us that you wish to return home and look after your own affairs. Therefore those who go home by the thirtieth of Xanthicus will have our pledge of friendship and full permission for the Jews to enjoy their own food and laws, just as formerly, and none of them shall be molested in any way for what may have been done in ignorance. And I have also sent Menelaus to encourage you.

"Farewell. The one hundred forty-eighth year, Xanthicus fifteenth." (2 Maccabees 11:27-33)

³⁶⁷ With which the book of 2 Maccabees ends.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 151 BC = 1306th Year of the Exodus/366th Year of the 2nd Temple/
160th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Demetrius I was killed in battle; Alexander reigned alone (1 Maccabees 10:46-58).

Year Beginning 7*1 in 151 BC = 161st Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 150 BC = 1307th Year of the Exodus/367th Year of the 2nd Temple/
161st Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

King Alexander declared High Priest Jonathan “Friend” & gave him charge of Judea
(1 Maccabees 10:59-66).

Year Beginning 7*1 in 150 BC = 162nd Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

150-145 BC – Demetrius II, son of Demetrius I, allied himself with Ptolemy VI of Egypt in a campaign to take control of Syria from Alexander (1 Maccabees 11:1-15).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 145 BC = 1312th Year of the Exodus/372nd Year of the 2nd Temple/
166th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 145 BC = 167th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Alexander fled to Arabia where his head was cut off & sent to Demetrius II (1 Maccabees 11:16-19).
Demetrius II confirmed Jonathan in his Priesthood & Judean rulership (1 Maccabees 11:20-37).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 143 BC = 1314th Year of the Exodus/374th Year of the 2nd Temple/
168th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 143 BC = 169th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

Trypho began supporting Antiochus VI, son of Alexander, as king in place of Demetrius II;
Jonathan also supported him in exchange for appointment as High Priest (1 Maccabees 11:38-59).
Trypho shortly betrayed & killed Jonathan (1 Maccabees 12:39-13:30).
Trypho killed Antiochus VI, declaring himself king (1 Maccabees 13:31-32).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 142 BC = 1315th Year of the Exodus/375th Year of the 2nd Temple/
170th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)/
1st Year of High Priest Simon**

Demetrius II declared Judea free in exchange for their support (1 Maccabees 13:33-40).
Jewish people counted this as the starting date of their new independent state.³⁶⁸

Year Beginning 7*1 in 142 BC = 171st Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

³⁶⁸ “In the one hundred seventieth year the yoke of the Gentiles was removed from Israel, and the people began to write in their documents and contracts, ‘In the first year of Simon the great high priest and commander and leader of the Jews.’” (1 Maccabees 14:41-42)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 140 BC = 1317th Year of the Exodus/377th Year of the 2nd Temple/
172nd Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)/
3rd Year of High Priest Simon**

6*18 – The Jews honored Simon & his family by declaring him their “Ethnarch.”³⁶⁹

Year Beginning 7*1 in 140 BC = 173rd Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 138 BC = 1319th Year of the Exodus/379th Year of the 2nd Temple/
174th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)/
5th Year of High Priest Simon**

Antiochus VII, brother of Demetrius II, affirmed Judean freedom, presumably in exchange for their support of his family’s claim to the Seleucid throne of Syria (1 Maccabees 15:1-14).

Year Beginning 7*1 in 138 BC = 175th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 136 BC = 1321st Year of the Exodus/381st Year of the 2nd Temple/
176th Year of the Seleucid Era (Antioch reckoning)/
7th Year of High Priest Simon**

Year Beginning 7*1 in 136 BC = 177th Year of the Seleucid Era (Babylonian/Jewish reckoning)

FEB – Simon and two of his sons were assassinated by Simon’s son-in-law (1 Maccabees 16:11-17).
A remaining son, John Hyrcanus became High Priest & Jewish Ethnarch (1 Maccabees 16:18-24).³⁷⁰

³⁶⁹ “The Jews and their priests have resolved that Simon should be their leader and high priest forever, until a trustworthy prophet should arise, and that he should be governor over them and that he should take charge of the sanctuary and appoint officials over its tasks and over the country and the weapons and the strongholds, and that he should take charge of the sanctuary, and that he should be obeyed by all, and that all contracts in the country should be written in his name, and that he should be clothed in purple and wear gold. None of the people or priests shall be permitted to nullify any of these decisions or to oppose what he says, or to convene an assembly in the country without his permission, or to be clothed in purple or put on a gold buckle. Whoever acts contrary to these decisions or rejects any of them shall be liable to punishment.”

“All the people agreed to grant Simon the right to act in accordance with these decisions. So Simon accepted and agreed to be high priest, to be commander and ethnarch of the Jews and priests, and to be protector of them all. And they gave orders to inscribe this decree on bronze tablets, to put them up in a conspicuous place in the precincts of the sanctuary, and to deposit copies of them in the treasury, so that Simon and his sons might have them.” (1 Maccabees 14:41-49)

³⁷⁰ Final event in 1 Maccabees.

Seventh, this is how infighting by the Hasmonean leadership resulted in their kingdom being absorbed into the Roman Republic.

Rulers of the Hasmonean Ethnarchy of the Jews

142-135 BC = Simon, brother of Judas Maccabee

135-104 BC = John, 3rd son of Simon, conquered Idumea, forcing their conversion (Antiquities 13.9.1)

104-103 BC = Judas Aristobulus I, 1st son of John, declared himself “King” (Antiquities 13.11.1)

103-76 BC = Alexander Jannaeus, 2nd son of John, expanded the kingdom to its greatest extent

76-67 BC = Salome Alexandra, widow of Alexander

69 BC = Salome designated her oldest son, Hyrcanus II (aligned with the Pharisees) as High Priest;

Her other son, Aristobulus II (aligned with the Sadducees) politicked for control of the kingdom

67 BC = After Salome’s death, the brothers fought until a power-sharing arrangement was reached;

Aristobulus II would be “King of the Jews” while Hyrcanus would be High Priest

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 64 BC = 1393rd Year of the Exodus/453rd Year of the 2nd Temple/
78th Year of Judean Independence**

Spring – Hyrcanus & his friend Antipater the Idumean invade Judea to declare him “King”;
Aristobulus & his Sadducee backers barricaded themselves in the Temple.

Later in the year – Both sides appealed to the Roman general Pompey to settle their feud.

Late Winter/Early Spring? – After a hearing at Damascus, Pompey agreed to decide after dealing with other issues.

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 63 BC = 1394th Year of the Exodus/454th Year of the 2nd Temple/
79th Year of Judean Independence**

Spring – When Aristobulus continued calling himself “King” prior to the Roman decision, Pompey went to Jerusalem to arrest him; the Romans were welcomed into Jerusalem by most Jews, but the pro-Aristobulus forces barricaded themselves in the Temple once again.

3*?³⁷¹ – Pompey breached the wall of the Temple.

Summer – He also declared Judea a tributary of the Roman Republic, to be administered from the Syrian province; he left Hyrcanus as High Priest & took Aristobulus to Rome as his prisoner.

³⁷¹ 3*1 = TUE/WED 19/20 MAY in 63 BC.

Eighth, this is how Herod became “King of the Jews.”

59-53 BC - The “First Triumvirate” of the Roman Republic was a power sharing arrangement between Julius Caesar, Pompey and Crassus. It ended with the death of Julius Caesar’s daughter, who was married to Pompey. During this same period, Aristobulus & his sons repeatedly escaped from Rome and tried to seize control of Jerusalem from Hyrcanus.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 49 BC = 1408th Year of the Exodus/468th Year of the 2nd Temple

Julius Caesar “crossed the Rubicon” with his army, triggering a civil war within the Roman Republic, between his supporters and those of Pompey. Caesar freed Aristobulus & his sons, sending them to subdue Syria & Judea on his behalf. They were poisoned and beheaded by Pompeian agents before they could reach the Middle East.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 48 BC = 1409th Year of the Exodus/469th Year of the 2nd Temple

SEP – Pompey was assassinated in Egypt. Julius Caesar then went to Egypt to support Cleopatra VII in her own civil war against her brother/husband, Ptolemy XIII.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 47 BC = 1410th Year of the Exodus/470th Year of the 2nd Temple

Because he supported Julius Caesar in his Egyptian expedition, Hyrcanus was declared “High Priest” & “Ethnarch” of the Jews. Because Antipater the Idumean was a key component in Hyrcanus’ support, he and his family were granted Roman citizenship with a special tax-free status. Antipater’s eldest son, Phasaelus, was made overseer of Jerusalem and Judea. Antipater’s next son, Herod (25 yrs), was made overseer of Galilee. Herod became a popular hero in northern Judea/southern Syria by wiping out Jewish gangs in Galilee. Daily demonstration in the Jewish Temple courtyard by mothers of the dead gang-members resulted in Herod being put on trial. His trial was adjourned by High Priest Hyrcanus when it looked as if he might be condemned by the Sanhedrin. Herod immediately moved to Damascus, where he used his money & influence to become overseer of southern Syria.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 46 BC = 1411th Year of the Exodus/471st Year of the 2nd Temple

Herod marched on Jerusalem with his Syrian army, intending to avenge himself, but was convinced not to do so by his brother & father.

15 MAR 44 BC – Julius Caesar was assassinated by Cassius & Brutus because they considered him an enemy of the Roman Republic.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 44 BC = 1413th Year of the Exodus/473rd Year of the 2nd Temple

Cassius went to his Senate-appointed province of Syria to raise an army for the impending civil war. Herod was the first to raise support, being rewarded with command of the entire Syrian army.

[JAN? 43 BC] – A “Second Triumvirate” was formed by Octavian Caesar, Mark Anthony & Lepidus in order to prosecute a war against Julius Caesar’s assassins. Cassius promised Herod the title “King of the Jews” for his support during the war. In this same year, Herod married Mariamne, the grand-daughter of the High Priest & Ethnarch Hyrcanus.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 42 BC = 1415th Year of the Exodus/475th Year of the 2nd Temple

[OCT] – Cassius & Brutus committed suicide after losing the Battle of Philippi to Mark Anthony.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 41 BC = 1416th Year of the Exodus/476th Year of the 2nd Temple

Herod was among the first high ranking persons to present himself to Mark Anthony at Ephesus, congratulating him as victor of the civil war. After paying large sums of money to secure Mark Anthony's forgiveness in supporting the losing side, Herod & Phasaelus were declared "Tetrarchs" while Hyrcanus remained High Priest & Ethnarch of the Jews.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 40 BC = 1417th Year of the Exodus/477th Year of the 2nd Temple

Once Mark Anthony left the Middle East for Rome, the Parthians invaded Judea in support of Hyrcanus' nephew, Antigonus. Hyrcanus & Phasaelus were captured; the former had his ear mutilated to render him incapable of being High Priest and the latter bashed his own brains out rather than be tortured by Antigonus. Elsewhere, Herod escaped an attempt on his own life and made his way to Rome to report the invasion to Mark Anthony.

Herod petitioned the Roman Senate for assistance in reclaiming Judea from the Parthian invaders and to support his wife's younger brother as the new High Priest & Ethnarch of the Jews, once Antigonus and his Parthian allies were dealt with. Mark Anthony & Octavian Caesar suggested that it would be better to declare the battle-hardened Herod (about 31 or 32 years of age) as the "King of the Jews." The Senate agreed & so it was decreed.

Ninth, this is how Herod became a very powerful man in the emerging Roman Empire

40-37 BC – Herod retook control of Judea & besieged Jerusalem.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 37 BC = 1420th Year of the Exodus/480th Year of the 2nd Temple

Gaius Julius Caesar Octavian (26 yrs) was in control of the western Roman Republic.

Marcus Antonius (46 yrs) was in control of the eastern Roman Republic.

Herod (36 yrs) was officially "King of the Jews" but did not yet control Jerusalem.

Cleopatra VII (31 yrs) was ruling Egypt; she had influence over Mark Anthony but hated Herod.

3*? [A Fast Day & 27th Anniversary of Pompey taking the Temple] – King Herod's forces broke through the walls of Jerusalem; Herod promised a large cash bonus to all his non-Jewish soldiers to keep them from plundering the city & the Temple; Antigonus was captured and transported to Damascus, where Mark Anthony beheaded him as an enemy of the Roman people.

?*? – Herod appointed his brother-in-law, Aristobulus (18 yrs), as High Priest.

Year Beginning 7*1 in 37 BC = [End of Sabbatical Year]

7*15-22 [Feast of Tabernacles] – Aristobulus was so well-received by the Jewish people that Herod worried they would also want him as "King."

[Shortly after the Feast] – Aristobulus was accidentally(?) drowned during some pool horse play with Herod's servants at Jericho.

36 BC? – Herod had to appear before Mark Anthony at Damascus in order to respond to charges that he had been responsible for the death of Aristobulus. He was cleared of the charges, but had a major falling out with Miramne.

35 BC? – Cleopatra kept trying to get control of Judea, via her relationship with Mark Anthony & by trying to seduce Herod. He came very close to having her assassinated.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 32 BC = 1425th Year of the Exodus/485th Year of the 2nd Temple

After the “Second Triumvirate” expired, the Roman Senate declared war on Cleopatra, and indirectly, upon Mark Anthony.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 31 BC = 1426th Year of the Exodus/486th Year of the 2nd Temple

At Cleopatra’s instigation, Mark Anthony assigned Herod to subduing the Arabians, rather than helping him in his war against Caesar Octavian.

2 SEP – Mark Anthony lost the Battle of Actium to Caesar Octavian. This is a major watershed event in the rise of Caesar Octavian to power as the first emperor & is used in ancient dating. Thinking Herod would soon be overrun by forces loyal to Octavian, his in-laws plotted against him; Herod had Hyrcanus executed for his part in the plot.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 30 BC = 1427th Year of the Exodus/487th Year of the 2nd Temple

Early – Herod secured his other children at Masada; his wife & mother-in-law at Alexandrium

Spring – Meeting with Caesar Octavian at Rhodes, he offered to him the same loyalty that he had shown to Cassius & Mark Anthony. Caesar Octavian affirmed him as “King of the Jews”

Summer – Cleopatra & Mark Anthony suicided; When he met Caesar Octavian in Egypt, Herod was given back all his territories that had been ceded by Mark Anthony to Cleopatra, plus more

30-28 BC – Convinced that she had tried to poison him, Herod executed his wife, Miriamne; He also executed his mother-in-law for plotting his overthrow; He was somewhat insane with concerns about such plots during this period

Year Beginning 1*1 in 28 BC = 1429th Year of the Exodus/489th Year of the 2nd Temple

27 BC [JAN] – The Roman Senate granted Caesar Octavian the honorable title of “Augustus” & began empowering him with 5-year blocks of Imperial authority.

27-24 BC – Herod decided to hold international games at Jerusalem every five years in honor of Augustus (the first being scheduled for 22 BC). As a venue for these games he built a Greek-style theater (music/drama) & a Roman-style amphitheater (sports), which caused some problems with the more religious Jews. After taking them on a personal tour, he was able to convince them that there were no “images” on these new structures.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 22 BC = 1435th Year of the Exodus/495th Year of the 2nd Temple

Herod established Caesarea on the coast in honor of Augustus. It became the major Roman port & a showpiece of Herodian architecture.

Lates 20’s BC – Herod sent his young sons by Miriamne to Rome for education. While there, they lived in Augustus’ palace.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 20 BC = 1437th Year of the Exodus/497th Year of the 2nd Temple

Augustus (43 yrs) visited the Middle East. While there, he granted more land (east & northeast of the Sea of Galilee) to Herod (53 yrs). For all practical purposes, Herod was now the 3rd most powerful man in the Roman Empire, after Caesar Augustus & his right-hand man, Agrippa. Herod desperately wanted his subjects to like him. In this particular year, he cut taxes by 33%. He commissioned many construction projects to keep employment rates high. He required loyalty oaths from all but the most religious and had spies keeping him apprised of public opinion. He even travelled around *inognito* to hear for himself what they thought of him. Herod petitioned for and received from the Jewish people permission to extensively renovate the Temple at Jerusalem (Antiquities 15.11.1-2).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 19 BC = 1438th Year of the Exodus/498th Year of the 2nd Temple

Work on the Temple shrine building began (Antiquities 15.11.3).

**Year Beginning 1*1 in 18 BC = 1439th Year of the Exodus/499th Year of the 2nd Temple/
1st Year of “Herod’s Temple”**

The Temple shrine building was finished and dedicated (Antiquities 15.11.6).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 12 BC = 1445th Year of the Exodus/7th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

Expansion of Temple Mount & Courtyards was completed.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 10 BC = 1447th Year of the Exodus/9th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

Caesarea on the Sea was finished & dedicated (Antiquities 16.5.1)

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

The four Gospels were written by different authors, to different audiences, at different times and with different purposes in mind. It is very important to consider these contextual facts when reading each of them. That is why you will be directed later to read all four gospels, in their entirety, at the point in the overall New Testament chronology where I believe they were written.

However, I am also of the very strong opinion that there is great value in reading through the life of Christ in a harmonized, chronological manner, seeing the teachings and acts of Jesus in their own historical context. For this reason, you will begin your journey through the New Testament with a harmonized reading through Jesus’ life and ministry, based on my own research.

As was the case in your Old Testament readings, you will be given a primary reading for each event. References for parallel accounts are included parenthetically.

Perhaps Year Beginning 1*1 in 9 BC = 1448th Year of the Exodus/10th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

Perhaps During the 12th Month³⁷² - Conception of John in Judea³⁷³

□ Luke 1:5-25

³⁷² 12*1 = TUE/WED 11/12 FEB in 8 BC.

³⁷³ See my note about the timing of Zechariah’s service in the Abijah Division of Priests on Chart 11: David’s Organization of the Kingdom.

Perhaps Year Beginning 1*1 in 8 BC = 1449th Year of the Exodus/11th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

1 JUL 8 BC – The Five-Year Imperial Census Was Due Within a Year of This Date³⁷⁴

Perhaps During the 6th Month³⁷⁵ - Conception of Jesus at Nazareth³⁷⁶

□ Luke 1:26-38

Perhaps During the 7th - 9th Months - Mary Visits Elizabeth in Judea³⁷⁷

□ Luke 1:39-56

Perhaps During the 9th Month³⁷⁸ - Birth of John in Judea

□ Luke 1:57-80

After Mary’s Return to Nazareth - Joseph Takes Mary as His Wife

□ Matthew 1:18-24

Chart 16 - The First Ten Roman Emperors³⁷⁹

Octavian (a.k.a. <i>Augustus</i> ³⁸⁰)	March	44 BC	–	19 August	AD 14 ³⁸¹
Tiberius	August	AD 14	–	16 March	AD 37 ³⁸²
Gaius (a.k.a. <i>Caligula</i> ³⁸³)	March	AD 37	–	24 January	AD 41
Claudius	January	AD 41	–	13 October	AD 54
Nero	October	AD 54	–	9 June	AD 68
Galba	June	AD 68	–	15 January	AD 69
Otho	January	AD 69	–	April	AD 69
Vitellius	April	AD 69	–	21 December	AD 69
Vespasian	1 July	AD 69 ³⁸⁴	–	23 June	AD 79
Titus	June	AD 79	–	1 September	AD 81

³⁷⁴ Roman records indicate that there was a regular, five-year census cycle during the time of Augustus and Tiberius. These censuses were apparently carried out during the emperor’s annual term as *princeps senatus*, which ran from 1 July until 30 June.

³⁷⁵ 6*1 = THU/FRI 7/8 AUG in 8 BC.

³⁷⁶ This dating is based on my own research into the phrase “in the sixth month” as used in Luke 1:26. The Greek construction appears to be a technical reference to the 6th Month of the Jewish year, using definite articles with both the word “sixth” and the word “month.” In direct contrast, Luke 1:36 gives the current length of Elizabeth’s pregnancy as “the sixth month,” using no definite article whatsoever.

³⁷⁷ According to Luke 1:56, Mary remained with Elizabeth for about three months. It is very likely that she stayed until after the birth of John.

³⁷⁸ 9*1 = MON/TUE 3/4 NOV in 8 BC.

³⁷⁹ The specific dates listed are those given by ancient historians. Because of significant differences between the ancient Roman calendar and that used today, these dates do not exactly coincide with modern style dating.

³⁸⁰ “Revered One,” a title conferred on him by the Senate in 27 BC.

³⁸¹ Beginning on 13 January 27 BC, *Augustus* adopted the practice of exercising authority in ten-year grants from the Roman Senate. The years of each *dekete* (Greek for “ten years”) were reckoned in accordance with his authority as Tribune, exercised annually, 1 July through 30 June. Augustus’ fifth and final *dekete* began on 1 July AD 13.

³⁸² Because the years of Tiberius’ authority were patterned after those of *Augustus*, I am certain that his 15th Year began on 1 July AD 28 (Luke 3:1). Contrary to the theories of many modern historians, the ancient records indicate no overlap between the regnal years of *Augustus* and Tiberius.

³⁸³ “Little Boot” was a name given to Gaius as a child because he grew up among the Roman troopers, often wearing a miniature uniform.

³⁸⁴ On this date the Roman Legions of Egypt swore their allegiance to Vespasian.

Perhaps Year Beginning 1*1 in 7 BC = 1450th Year of the Exodus/12th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

Perhaps During the 1st Month³⁸⁵

Joseph and Mary Travel to Bethlehem for an Imperial Census

□ Luke 2:1-5³⁸⁶

1*14-21 = Passover/Unleavened Bread³⁸⁷

Perhaps During the 2nd Month³⁸⁸

?? - Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem³⁸⁹

□ Luke 2:6-21 (cf. Matthew 1:25)

Perhaps During the 3rd Month³⁹⁰

3*8 = Pentecost³⁹¹

40 Days After His Birth - Jesus Dedicated at the Temple

□ Luke 2:22-38

30 JUN 7 BC – The 5-Year Imperial Census Was To Be Completed By This Date

Probably During 6 or 5 BC³⁹²

?? - The Magi Consult with King Herod at Jerusalem

□ Matthew 2:1-8

Probably the Next Day (After Sunset)

The Magi Present Their Gifts to Jesus at a House in Bethlehem

□ Matthew 2:9-12

Joseph Immediately Takes Mary and Jesus to Egypt

□ Matthew 2:13-15

?? - Herod Orders the Slaughter of All Baby Boys in the Bethlehem Area

□ Matthew 2:16-18

³⁸⁵ 1*1 = WED/THU 1/2 APR in 7 BC.

³⁸⁶ I interpret Luke 2:2 as, "This was an enrollment previous to that which happened while Quirinius was governing Syria." The enrollment carried out in AD 6 by Quirinius was necessitated by the removal of Archelaus as Ethnarch, the subsequent absorption of his former territories into the province of Syria and the appointment of Coponius as the first Praefect of Judea. It effectively marked the beginning of direct Roman rule over the Jewish nation and sparked a Jewish resistance movement that continued right through the destruction of Jerusalem 64 years later. It is not surprising that Luke uses it as a chronological marker, indicating that the enrollment about which he was writing predated the infamous one.

³⁸⁷ TUE/WED 14/15 - TUE/WED 21/22 APR in 7 BC. Perhaps Joseph and Mary's inability to secure lodging at Bethlehem was due to the huge crowds that gathered in and around Jerusalem during the spring festivals of Passover/Unleavened Bread and Pentecost.

³⁸⁸ 2*1 = THU/FRI 30 APR/1 MAY in 7 BC.

³⁸⁹ Clement's Stromata 1.21 (written in Alexandria around 200) references the conviction of some that Jesus was born on either 24 or 25 *Pharmuthi* (the 8th Egyptian month) or 25 *Pachons* (the 9th Egyptian month). At the time of Jesus' birth, these dates occurred in mid-April and mid-May, respectively, the latter being exactly where a conception date in the Jewish 6th Month would place it. It is interesting to note that the Constitutions of the Holy Apostles 5.13 (written after the Stromata, but before the 6th Century) orders that the birthday of Christ be celebrated on the 25th day of the 9th (presumably Jewish) month – in my estimation a misapplication of the earlier Egyptian date. Since 9*25 in the Exodus-based Jewish calendar almost always falls during the Roman month of December, it was only one more, small step to our modern celebration of 25 December.

³⁹⁰ 3*1 = SAT/SUN 30/31 MAY in 7 BC.

³⁹¹ SAT/SUN 6/7 JUN in 7 BC.

³⁹² Based on the fact that something said by the Magi caused Herod to think that the child he wanted dead might have been born as much as two years earlier (Matthew 2:16).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 5 BC = 1452nd Year of the Exodus/14th Year of “Herod’s Temple”
1 JAN 4 BC = Herod’s 34th (37th) Year as “King of the Jews”³⁹³
Late in the 12th Month³⁹⁴ - Herod Dies at Jericho/Accession of Archelaus³⁹⁵

Year Beginning 1*1 in 4 BC = 1453rd Year of the Exodus/15th Year of “Herod’s Temple”
Perhaps Early in the 1st Month

Joseph Prepares to Take Mary and Jesus Back to Judea

□Matthew 2:19-20

Archelaus Ends a Riot With Extreme Violence³⁹⁶

Joseph Decides to Take Mary and Jesus to Nazareth Instead

□Matthew 2:21-23 (cf. Luke 2:39-40)

1*14-21 = Passover/Unleavened Bread³⁹⁷

Year Beginning 1*1 in 5 = 1462nd Year of the Exodus/23rd Year of “Herod’s Temple”

Year Beginning 7*1 in 5 = 203rd Sabbatical Year

1 JAN 6 = Archelaus’s 10th Year as Ethnarch

Year Beginning 1*1 in 6 = 1463rd Year of the Exodus/24th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

Probably During the Summer

Judea Made Part of the Roman Province of Syria³⁹⁸

Judas of Galilee Becomes the Leader of the Jewish Resistance Movement³⁹⁹

Year Beginning 7*1 in 6 = 29th Year of Jubilee

Sometime After SEP in 6 - Annas Becomes High Priest⁴⁰⁰

Perhaps Year Beginning 1*1 in 7 = 1464th Year of the Exodus/25th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

1*14-22 = Passover/Unleavened Bread⁴⁰¹

1*? - Jesus (12 years old) Left Behind at Jerusalem

□Luke 2:41-52

³⁹³ As a Roman appointee, Herod’s reign was reckoned in accordance with the Roman civil year. He was appointed “King of the Jews” by the Roman senate in 40 BC (Antiquities 14.14.5), a date made certain by the citation of both the Olympiad and Roman Consuls. He actually took possession of Jerusalem in the summer of 37 BC (Antiquities 14.16-15.1), a date also made certain by the citation of several chronological markers. Because of these facts, Josephus acknowledged that there were two methods of dating Herod’s reign, although he seemed to prefer the method which began in 37 BC.

³⁹⁴ 12*1 = MON/TUE 26/27 FEB in 4 BC.

³⁹⁵ In the final days of his life, Herod left Jerusalem and went to Jericho, where he died (Antiquities 17.6.5). His death came shortly after he removed Matthias from the priesthood on 12*15, a date made certain by a lunar eclipse that occurred just after midnight on 13 MAR in 4 BC (Antiquities 17.6.4).

³⁹⁶ Antiquities 17.9.3. This blood-letting at Jerusalem would certainly explain the fearful response of Joseph when he learned that Archelaus had replaced his father as the ruler of Judea (Matthew 2:22).

³⁹⁷ TUE/WED 10/11 – TUE/WED 17/18 APR in 4 BC.

³⁹⁸ This change was brought about by Augustus’ banishment of Archelaus after repeated complaints about his cruel style of governance (Antiquities 17.13.2).

³⁹⁹ Quirinius (Luke 2:2) was sent from Rome with instructions to oversee all aspects of absorbing Archelaus’s former holdings into Syria, including the establishment of direct taxation of the Jews. It was this assessment procedure that gave birth to the resistance (Antiquities 18.1; Acts 5:37).

⁴⁰⁰ Coponius was the first Roman prefect of Judea. It was he who first appointed Annas as High Priest in the 37th Year of Caesar’s Victory at Actium (Antiquities 18.2.1; Luke 3:2).

⁴⁰¹ WED/THU 20/21 – WED/THU 27/28 APR in 7.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 28 = 1485th Year of the Exodus/45th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

1 JUL 28 = 15th Year of Tiberius Caesar

Beginning in the 15th Year of Tiberius

John Begins His Ministry in the Judean Wilderness

□ Luke 3:1-6 (cf. Matthew 3:1-6; Mark 1:2-6)

John Rebukes the Pharisees and Sadducees

□ Luke 3:7-9 (cf. Matthew 3:7-10)

John Instructs the Crowds in Acts of Repentance

□ Luke 3:10-14

John Proclaims the Coming of Messiah/Christ

□ Luke 3:15-18 (cf. Matthew 3:11-12; Mark 1:7-8)

Year Beginning 1*1 in 29 = 1486th Year of the Exodus/46th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

Perhaps During the 10th Month⁴⁰² - John Immerses Jesus⁴⁰³

□ Matthew 3:13-17 (cf. Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23a)

During a 40 Day Period After Jesus' Immersion⁴⁰⁴ - Jesus Tempted by Satan

□ Matthew 4:1-11 (cf. Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)

During the Remainder of the Year

First Day - John Answers Questions from Priests and Levites at Bethany in Perea

□ John 1:19-28

Next Day - John Testifies to His Disciples about His Recognition of Christ

□ John 1:29-34

Next Day - John Identifies Jesus as the Christ to Two of His Own Disciples

□ John 1:35-42

Next Day - Jesus and His New Disciples Depart for Galilee

□ John 1:43-51

Third Day Thereafter - Jesus Arrives for a Wedding at Cana in Galilee

□ John 2:1-2

Sometime During the Wedding Feast - Jesus Turns Water into Wine

□ John 2:3-11

After the Wedding Feast - Jesus Goes With His Family to Capernaum in Galilee

□ John 2:12

⁴⁰² 10*1 = SUN/MON 25/26 DEC in 29. Stromata 1.21 indicates that the followers of Basilides taught Jesus was immersed on 15 *Tubi* (the 5th Egyptian month) = 10*4 (WED/THU 28/29 DEC in 29). This timing agrees well with what is known about Jesus' itinerary in the Gospels.

⁴⁰³ If, as I believe the ancient evidence indicates, Jesus was born in the spring of 7 BC and immersed in the winter of 29, he would have been about 35 years old at the time he began his ministry. This fits well with Luke's vague statement that he was “about thirty” (cf. the modern American slang of “*thirtysomething*”) at the time of his immersion (Luke 3:23).

⁴⁰⁴ Perhaps 10*4 - 11*14 (WED/THU 28/29 DEC in 29 – SUN/MON 5/6 FEB in 30 BC).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 30 = 1487th Year of the Exodus/47th Year of “Herod’s Temple”

1*14-21 = Passover/Unleavened Bread⁴⁰⁵

Jesus Cleanses the Temple at Passover⁴⁰⁶

□ John 2:13-22

Many Put Their Faith in Jesus

□ John 2:23-25

Jesus Speaks to Nicodemus about the New Birth

□ John 3:1-21

During the Spring, Summer and Fall - Jesus Makes Many Disciples in Judea

□ John 3:22-36

During the 11th and 12th Months⁴⁰⁷

John the Immerser Arrested by Herod

□ Luke 3:19-20 (cf. Matthew 14:3-5; Mark 6:17-20)

Jesus Decides to Return to Galilee⁴⁰⁸

□ John 4:1-3 (cf. Matthew 4:12; Mark 1:14a)

Jesus Ministers Two Days at Sychar in Samaria

□ John 4:4-44

While at Cana, Jesus Heals a Boy in Capernaum

□ John 4:45-54

Sabbath - Jesus Nearly Stoned at Nazareth

□ Luke 4:16-30 (cf. John 4:44)

During the Next Week

Jesus Moves to Capernaum

□ Matthew 4:13-17 (cf. Mark 1:14b-15; Luke 4:31a)

Jesus Provides a Miraculous Fish Catch & Recalls⁴⁰⁹ Four of His Disciples

□ Luke 5:1-10a (cf. Matthew 4:18; Mark 1:16)

□ Mark 1:17-20 (cf. Matthew 4:19-22; Luke 5:10b-11)

Next Sabbath

Jesus Expels a Demon during a Synagogue Teaching Service

□ Mark 1:21-28 (cf. Luke 4:14-15, 31b-37)

Jesus Heals Simon’s Mother-in-law

□ Mark 1:29-31 (cf. Matthew 8:14-15; Luke 4:38-39)

1st Day of the Week (Beginning at Sunset)

Jesus Heals Many Others at Being Brought to Simon’s House

□ Mark 1:32-34 (cf. Matthew 8:16-17; Luke 4:40-41)

Jesus Tells Simon He Intends to Depart on a Preaching Tour

□ Mark 1:35-39 (cf. Luke 4:42-44; Matthew 4:23)

⁴⁰⁵ THU/FRI 6/7 – THU/FRI 13/14 APR in 30.

⁴⁰⁶ This cleansing took place during the forty-sixth anniversary year (John 2:20) of Herod the Great’s Sanctuary renovations, which were completed in the summer of 18 BC (Antiquities 15:11).

⁴⁰⁷ 11*1 = SAT/SUN 13/14 JAN and 12*1 = MON/TUE 11/12 FEB in 31.

⁴⁰⁸ Jesus left for Galilee roughly four months before Pentecost [3*9 (SAT/SUN 19/20 MAY in 31)], the official beginning of the wheat harvest (John 4:35). Scripture gives two reasons for his departure from Judea – first, the arrest of the Immerser by Herod; and second, that the Pharisees realized he was making even more disciples than the Immerser.

⁴⁰⁹ This is a “recall” because these four men had begun their relationship with Jesus just over a year earlier.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 31 = 1488th Year of the Exodus

Probably 1*14-21 = Passover/Unleavened Bread? - Festival Visit to Jerusalem⁴¹⁰

☐ John 5:1-47

Probably During the Spring and Summer

Sabbath - Pharisees Confront Jesus about Breaking Sabbath⁴¹¹

☐ Luke 6:1-5 (cf. Matthew 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28)

Next Sabbath - Pharisees Confront Jesus about Sabbath Healing

☐ Luke 6:6-11 (cf. Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6)

During the First Part of the Next Week - Great Crowds Gather to Jesus

☐ Mark 3:7-12 (cf. Matthew 4:24-25; 12:15-16; Luke 6:17b-19)

☐ Matthew 12:17-21

Probably the Third Day of the Week (Beginning at Sunset)

After a Night of Prayer, Jesus Appoints Twelve of His Disciples as Apostles

☐ Mark 3:13-19 (cf. Matthew 5:1a; Luke 6:12-16)

The So-called "Sermon on the Mount"⁴¹²

☐ Luke 6:17a

☐ Matthew 5:1b-2 (cf. Luke 6:20a)

Jesus Pronounces Blessings and Woes

☐ Matthew 5:3-12 (cf. Luke 6:20b-23)

☐ Luke 6:24-26

Jesus Likens His Disciples to Salt and Light

☐ Matthew 5:13-14

☐ Matthew 5:15 (cf. Luke 11:33)

☐ Matthew 5:16

Jesus Urges Righteousness Surpassing the Legalism of the Pharisees

☐ Matthew 5:17-20

In Personal Relationships

☐ Matthew 5:21-24

☐ Matthew 5:25-26

In Marriage and in Oaths

☐ Matthew 5:27-37

In Retaliation

☐ Matthew 5:38-42 (cf. Luke 6:29-30)

Toward Enemies

☐ Matthew 5:43-48 (cf. Luke 6:27-28, 32-36)

In Giving Alms, in Prayer and in Fasting

☐ Matthew 6:1-8

⁴¹⁰ MON/TUE 26/27 MAR – TUE/WED 3/4 APR in 31 BC. The festival is not specifically identified as Passover/Unleavened Bread, although this designation certainly fits John's chronological context.

⁴¹¹ Because the disciples were eating ripe grain from an un-harvested field, this event must have occurred during the harvest season.

⁴¹² The traditional title for this part of Matthew's gospel is somewhat of a misnomer. Jesus' remarks were actually delivered to the people as they stood on a piece of level ground on the side of the mountain from which Jesus and his newly appointed apostles had just descended. In addition, interrelated passages from elsewhere in Matthew, Mark and Luke indicate a great deal of interaction during this "sermon."

31/32 = 1488th Year of the Exodus (continued)

Probably During the Spring and Summer (continued)

Probably the Third Day of the Week (continued)

Interaction During the So-called “Sermon on the Mount”

Disciples Ask Jesus To Teach Them How To Pray

- ☐ Luke 11:1
- ☐ Matthew 6:9-15 (cf. Luke 11:2-4)
- ☐ Matthew 6:16-18

Prompted by a Request from the Crowd, Jesus Warns Against Materialism

- ☐ Luke 12:13-21
- ☐ Matthew 6:19-34 (cf. Luke 11:34-36; 12:22-34)

Jesus Urges Equitable Treatment of Others

- ☐ Matthew 7:1-2 (cf. Luke 6:37-38)
- ☐ Luke 6:39-40
- ☐ Matthew 7:3-5 (cf. Luke 6:41-42)
- ☐ Matthew 7:6

Jesus Urges Persistence in Prayer

- ☐ Luke 11:5-8
- ☐ Luke 11:9-13 (cf. Matthew 7:7-11)
- ☐ Matthew 7:12 (cf. Luke 6:31)

Jesus Urges Care in Pursuing the Path of Righteousness

- ☐ Matthew 7:13-14
- ☐ Matthew 7:15-20 (cf. Luke 6:43-44)
- ☐ Matthew 7:21-27 (cf. Luke 6:46-49)

Crowd Awed by Jesus' Authoritative Teaching

- ☐ Matthew 7:28-8:1
- ☐ Luke 7:1a

Leper Cleansed at Capernaum

- ☐ Mark 1:40-46 (cf. Matthew 8:2-4; Luke 5:12-16)

Centurion's Servant Healed at Capernaum

- ☐ Luke 7:1b-10 (cf. Matthew 8:5-13)

Jesus Eats with Simon the Pharisee

- ☐ Luke 7:36 (cf. Luke 11:37)
- ☐ Luke 11:38
- ☐ Luke 7:37-50
- ☐ Luke 11:39-54 (cf. Matthew 23:4, 23-36)

31/32 = 1488th Year of the Exodus (continued)

Probably During the Spring and Summer (continued)

Probably the Third Day of the Week (continued)

Events Immediately After the "Sermon on the Mount"

Controversy Arises After Jesus Expels a Demon from a Blind Mute

- ☐ Matthew 12:22-23 (cf. Luke 11:14)
- ☐ Mark 3:20-21
- ☐ Matthew 12:24-37 (cf. Mark 3:22-30; Luke 6:43-45; 11:15, 17-23; 12:10)

Pharisees Demand a Sign

- ☐ Matthew 12:38-45 (cf. Luke 11:16, 24-26, 29-32)

Jesus' Family Sends Him a Message through the Crowd

- ☐ Matthew 12:46-47 (cf. Mark 3:31-32; Luke 8:19-20)
- ☐ Luke 11:27
- ☐ Matthew 12:48-50 (cf. Mark 3:33-35; Luke 8:21; 11:28)

Jesus Teaches in Parables, Explaining Them Privately to His Disciples

- ☐ Luke 8:1-3
- ☐ Matthew 13:1-9 (cf. Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8)
- ☐ Matthew 13:10-11 (cf. Mark 4:10; Luke 8:9-10)
- ☐ Matthew 13:12 (cf. Mark 4:24a, 25; Luke 8:18)
- ☐ Matthew 13:13-15 (cf. Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10)
- ☐ Matthew 13:16-17 (cf. Luke 10:23-24)
- ☐ Matthew 13:18-23 (cf. Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15)
- ☐ Matthew 13:24-35 (cf. Mark 4:26-34) (cf. Luke 13:18-21)⁴¹³
- ☐ Matthew 13:36-52

Jesus Prepares to Sail to the Other Side of the Sea

- ☐ Matthew 8:18-22 (cf. Luke 9:57-62)
- ☐ Matthew 8:23 (cf. Matthew 13:53; Mark 4:35-36; Luke 8:22)

Probably the Fourth Day of the Week (Beginning at Sunset)

Jesus Calms the Sea

- ☐ Matthew 8:24-27 (cf. Mark 4:37-41; Luke 8:23-25)

Jesus Expels a "Legion" of Demons from a Gaderene Demoniac

- ☐ Mark 5:1-20 (cf. Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39)

Jesus Returns to Capernaum

- ☐ Matthew 9:1 (cf. Mark 5:21; 2:1; Luke 8:40)

Healing of the Paralytic Lowered Through the Roof

- ☐ Mark 2:2-12 (cf. Matthew 9:2-8; Luke 5:17-26)

Jesus Calls Matthew to Follow Him as an Apostle⁴¹⁴

- ☐ Mark 2:13-14 (cf. Matthew 9:9; Luke 5:27-28)

⁴¹³ As would be expected, Jesus apparently retold some of his parables on other occasions.

⁴¹⁴ Jesus had designated Matthew as an apostle on the previous morning but now repeats that call at his Capernaum tax office beside the Sea of Galilee.

31/32 = 1488th Year of the Exodus (continued)

Probably During the Spring and Summer (continued)

Probably the Fifth Day of the Week (Beginning at Sunset)

Matthew Hosts a Banquet for Jesus

- ☐ Mark 2:15-17 (cf. Matthew 9:10-13; Luke 5:29-32)

Fasting Jews⁴¹⁵ Question Jesus about Fasting

- ☐ Mark 2:18-22 (cf. Matthew 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39)

Resurrection of Jairus' Daughter

- ☐ Matthew 9:18-26⁴¹⁶ (cf. Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56)

Healing of Two Blind Men and a Mute Demoniac

- ☐ Matthew 9:27-34

Probably the Next Sabbath - Jesus Makes a Disappointing Visit to Nazareth

- ☐ Mark 6:1-6a (cf. Matthew 13:54-58)

Probably During the Summer and/or Fall

Jesus Travels Around Galilee with the Twelve

- ☐ Matthew 9:35 (Mark 6:6b)

Jesus Resurrects a Widow's Only Son at Nain

- ☐ Luke 7:11-17

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy[-two]⁴¹⁷ and the Twelve, in Pairs⁴¹⁸

- ☐ Luke 10:1
- ☐ Matthew 9:36-38 (cf. Luke 10:2)
- ☐ Matthew 10:1-6
- ☐ Matthew 10:7-8 (cf. Mark 6:7; Luke 9:1-2; 10:9)
- ☐ Matthew 10:9-10 (cf. Mark 6:8-9; Luke 9:3; 10:4)
- ☐ Matthew 10:11-13 (cf. Mark 6:10; Luke 9:4; 10:5-8)
- ☐ Matthew 10:14-15 (cf. Mark 6:11; Luke 9:5; 10:10-12)
- ☐ Matthew 10:16 (cf. Luke 10:3)

[NOTE: Matthew 10:17-22 has been moved into Jesus' "Olivet Discourse."]

- ☐ Matthew 10:23-25

[NOTE: Matthew 10:26-39 has been moved into Jesus' later comments on division.]

- ☐ Matthew 10:40 (cf. Luke 10:16)
- ☐ Matthew 10:41-42

⁴¹⁵ Some of the Jews in Jesus' time habitually fasted on the Second and Fifth Days of the week.

⁴¹⁶ Matthew very clearly reports (9:18) that Jairus arrived during the banquet he (Matthew) was giving in Jesus' honor. This chronological marker, which has been either ignored or outright contradicted by many harmonists, was the one that led me to begin work on my own harmony of the gospels in 1983.

⁴¹⁷ Textual variants exist.

⁴¹⁸ Because there are so many parallels between Jesus' commission of the Twelve apostles and that of the Seventy[-two] disciples, I have come to suspect that were given simultaneously. If that was not the case, then the latter - only mentioned by Luke - probably occurred during Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem.

31/32 = 1488th Year of the Exodus (continued)

During the Remainder of the Year

Jesus and His Disciples Travel Around Galilee Separately

- ☐ Matthew 11:1 (cf. Mark 6:12-13; Luke 9:6)

John the Immerser's Disciples Question Jesus⁴¹⁹

- ☐ Luke 7:18-23 (cf. Matthew 11:2-6)

Jesus Addresses the Crowd about John the Immerser

- ☐ Luke 7:24-35 (cf. Matthew 11:7-11, 15-19)
- ☐ Matthew 11:12-14 (cf. Luke 16:16)
- ☐ Matthew 11:20-24 (cf. Luke 10:13-16)

Jesus Warns the Crowd about the Leaven of the Pharisees

- ☐ Luke 12:1
- ☐ Luke 12:2-3 (cf. Matthew 10:27; Mark 4:22-23; Luke 8:17)
- ☐ Luke 12:4-9 (cf. Matthew 10:26b, 28-33)

John the Immerser Executed by Herod Antipas

- ☐ Matthew 14:6-12a (cf. Mark 6:21-29)

Herod Worries that Jesus is John the Immerser Resurrected

- ☐ Matthew 14:1-2 (cf. Mark 6:14-16; Luke 9:7-9)

⁴¹⁹ I place this event here because, according to Matthew 12:1, it took place around the same time as the controversy over Jesus' disciples picking and eating grain on the Sabbath.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 32 = 1489th Year of the Exodus

During the Spring

The Twelve and the Seventy [-two] Return to Jesus

- ☐ Mark 6:30 (cf. Luke 9:10a)
- ☐ Luke 10:17-24 (cf. Matthew 10:25-30)
- ☐ Luke 10:25-37

A Day at Bethsaida Julias

Jesus Informed about John the Immerser's Execution

- ☐ Matthew 14:12b

Jesus Secretly Travels to Bethsaida Julias with the Twelve

- ☐ Mark 6:31-32 (cf. Matthew 14:13a; Luke 9:10b; John 6:1)

Jesus Miraculously Feeds 5,000+ Shortly Before Passover

- ☐ John 6:2-13 (cf. Matthew 14:13b-21; Mark 6:33-44; Luke 9:11-17)

Crowd Intends to Crown Jesus as King of Israel

- ☐ John 6:14-15a

Jesus Dismisses His Disciples and the Crowd Before Praying Alone

- ☐ Mark 6:45-46 (cf. Matthew 14:22-23; John 6:15b)
- ☐ John 15:16-17

Next Day (beginning at sunset)

Jesus Walks on the Stormy Sea of Galilee

- ☐ Matthew 14:24-33 (cf. Mark 6:47-52; John 6:18-21)

Jesus Begins Healing Many

- ☐ Mark 6:53-56 (cf. Matthew 14:34-36)

Controversial Teaching on the Bread of Life

- ☐ John 6:22-71

Confrontation with the Pharisees Regarding Tradition

- ☐ Mark 7:1-23 (cf. Matthew 15:1-20)

Probably During the Spring or Summer

Jesus Heals a Gentile Woman's Daughter Near Tyre⁴²⁰

- ☐ Mark 7:24-30 (cf. Matthew 15:21-28)

⁴²⁰ Tyre was outside the boundaries of the "Promised Land." By travelling there, Jesus was not constrained by the Law which required all adult Israeli men to go to Jerusalem for Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles (Deuteronomy 16:16). He did not go to Jerusalem until the Feast of Tabernacles in this particular year, during which he was nearly stoned, which may indicate the reason for his avoidance of the capital city earlier in the year.

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Probably During the Summer and/or Fall

During Three Days - Jesus Heals Many on the Eastern side of the Sea of Galilee

□ Mark 7:31-37 (cf. Matthew 15:29-31)

On the Third Day of Healings

Jesus Miraculously Feeds 4,000+

□ Mark 8:1-9 (cf. Matthew 15:32-38)

Boat Trip to Dalmanutha/Magadan

□ Mark 8:10 (cf. Matthew 15:39)

Perhaps on the Next Day

Jesus' Comments on Division

□ Matthew 10:34-39 (cf. Luke 12:49-53)

Pharisees and Sadducees Demand a Sign

□ Mark 8:10-13 (cf. Matthew 15:39-16:4; Luke 12:54-57)

□ Luke 12:58-59

Jesus' Comments about Pilate's Killing of Galileans

□ Luke 13:1-9

Jesus Warns His Apostles about the Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

□ Mark 8:14-21 (cf. Matthew 16:5-12)

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida Julias

□ Mark 8:22-26

Shortly Thereafter

Jesus Discusses His Identity with the Twelve

□ Matthew 16:13-20 (cf. Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21)

Jesus Explicitly Prophesies His Death and Resurrection for the First Time

□ Matthew 16:21-23 (cf. Mark 8:31-33; Luke 9:22)

Jesus Calls for Absolute Discipleship

□ Matthew 16:24-28 (cf. Mark 8:34-9:1; Luke 9:23-27; 14:25-27, 33)

□ Luke 14:28-32

About a Week Later⁴²¹ - Jesus Transfigured (on Mt. Hermon?)

□ Matthew 17:1-8 (cf. Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36)

Next Day

Jesus Reveals that John the Immerser was the Prophesied "Elijah"

□ Matthew 17:9-13 (cf. Matthew 11:14; Mark 9:9-13)

Jesus Expels a Demon That His Apostles Could Not

□ Mark 9:14-29 (cf. Matthew 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-42)

Jesus Explicitly Prophesies His Death and Resurrection a Second Time

□ Mark 9:30-32 (cf. Matthew 17:22-23; Luke 9:43-45)

⁴²¹ Matthew and Mark place this event "six days later" while Luke places it "some eight days later." This variance is probably due to the former counting exclusively while the latter counted inclusively.

32/33 = 1489th Year of the Exodus (continued)

Probably During the Summer and/or Fall (continued)

Upon Jesus' Return to Capernaum

Jesus Miraculously Pays the 2 *drachma* Tax for Himself and Peter

☐ Matthew 17:24-27 (cf. John 7:1)

Jesus Rebukes the Twelve for Arguing Among Themselves

☐ Mark 9:33-35 (cf. Luke 9:46)

☐ Matthew 18:1

☐ Mark 9:36-37 (cf. Matthew 18:2-5; Luke 9:47-48)

Jesus Chides the Apostles for Rebuking a Non-Disciple

☐ Mark 9:38-41 (cf. Luke 9:49-50)

Jesus Warns About Sources of Sin and the Need for Forgiveness

☐ Matthew 18:6-9 (cf. Mark 9:42-48; Luke 17:1-2)

☐ Matthew 18:10

☐ Mark 9:49-50 (cf. Luke 14:34-35)

☐ Luke 15:1-3

☐ Luke 15:4-7 (cf. Matthew 18:12-14)

☐ Luke 15:8-16:17

☐ Matthew 18:15-20 (cf. Luke 17:3)

☐ Matthew 18:21-22 (cf. Luke 17:4)

☐ Matthew 18:23-35

☐ Luke 17:5-10

Probably During the First Half of the 7th Month

Jesus' Brothers Urge Him to go to Jerusalem

☐ John 7:2-9

7*? - Jesus Secretly Travels to Jerusalem

☐ John 7:10-13 (cf. Matthew 19:1a; Mark 10:1a)

7*15-22 = Feast of Tabernacles⁴²²

Perhaps 7*17 = Sabbath⁴²³ - Jesus Suddenly Appears, Teaching in the Temple

☐ John 7:14-36

7*22⁴²⁴ - Jesus Offers the "Water of Life" (i.e., the Spirit) to Those Who Believe

☐ John 7:37-52

Probably 7*23 - Pharisees Confront Jesus with an Adulterous Woman⁴²⁵

☐ John 7:53-8:11

Probably 7*24 = Sabbath⁴²⁶

Jesus Nearly Stoned for Claiming to be the "I AM" (i.e., *Yahweh*)

☐ John 8:12-59

Jesus has a Major Confrontation with the Pharisees over a Sabbath Healing

☐ John 9:1-10:21

⁴²² WED/THU 8/9 – WED/THU 15/16 OCT in 32.

⁴²³ FRI/SAT 10/11 OCT in 32.

⁴²⁴ WED/THU 15/16 OCT in 32.

⁴²⁵ Although the oldest manuscripts do not include this section of John, the chronological information is contextually accurate, taking place on 7*23 (THU/FRI 16/17 OCT in 32), and should, in my opinion, be accepted as fact.

⁴²⁶ FRI/SAT 17/18 OCT in 32.

32/33 = 1489th Year of the Exodus (continued)

During the Fall - Jesus Teaches and Heals in Perea

□Matthew 19:1b-2 (cf. Mark 10:1b)

9*25⁴²⁷ = Feast of Dedication⁴²⁸ - Jesus Nearly Stoned During a Visit to Jerusalem

□John 10:22-39

Probably During the Winter

Jesus Continues His Work in Perea

□John 10:40-42

After Hearing about Lazarus' Illness, Jesus Cuts His Ministry in Perea Short

□John 11:1-16

Jesus Resurrects Lazarus at Bethany near Jerusalem

□John 11:17-53

Jesus and His Disciples Retreat to Ephraim

□John 11:54

Year Beginning 1*1 in 33 = 1490th Year of the Exodus

Early in the 1st Month

Passover Crowds Begin Gathering at Jerusalem

□John 11:55-57

Somewhere Along the Samaria-Galilee Border

Jesus Denied Samaritan Hospitality

□Luke 9:51-56

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

□Luke 17:11-19

Question about the Kingdom from the Pharisees⁴²⁹

□Luke 17:20-37

□Luke 18:1-14

1*8⁴³⁰ – A Sabbath spent in Perea

Jesus Heals a Woman during a Synagogue Teaching Service

□Luke 13:10-21

Jesus Affirms Not Everyone will be Saved

□Luke 13:22-30

Jesus Predicts His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem⁴³¹

□Luke 13:31-35 (cf. Matthew 23:37-39)

Jesus Eats Dinner at a Pharisee's House

□Luke 14:1-24

⁴²⁷ WED/THU 17/18 DEC in 32.

⁴²⁸ This non-canonical feast was a celebration of Judas Maccabee's rededication of the Temple Sanctuary after its defilement by the infamous, 2nd Century BC, Macedonian ruler of Syria, Antiochus IV. For information on this period, see 1 Maccabees, Chapters 1-6 (as well as the entire book of 2 Maccabees).

⁴²⁹ Some of Jesus' comments here overlap those in the "Olivet Discourse."

⁴³⁰ FRI/SAT 27/28 MAR in AD 33.

⁴³¹ According to his own testimony, Jesus would arrive at Jerusalem on the third day hereafter, i.e., on 1*10. He also predicted that he would be welcomed with the words, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," which is exactly what happened during his "Triumphal Entry."

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1*9⁴³² – A Day of Travel from Perea to Bethany

Question about Divorce from the Pharisees

☐ Matthew 19:3-12 (cf. Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18)

Jesus Rebukes His Disciples for Barring Children from His Presence

☐ Matthew 19:13-15 (cf. Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)

Jesus' Answer to the Rich Young Ruler Sparks a Discussion on Service

☐ Matthew 19:16-20:16 (cf. Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30)

Jesus Explicitly Prophesies His Death and Resurrection a Third Time

☐ Mark 10:32-34 (cf. Matthew 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34)

James and John Request Special Consideration

☐ Matthew 20:20-28 (cf. Mark 10:35-45)

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men near Jericho

☐ Matthew 20:29-34 (cf. Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43)

Jesus Lunches with Zaccheus at Jericho

☐ Luke 19:1-28

Jesus Arrives at Bethany near Jerusalem

☐ John 12:1 (cf. Luke 10:38a)

1*10⁴³³

After Sunset - Jesus Anointed by Mary at Martha and Simon's House⁴³⁴

☐ Luke 10:38b-42

☐ John 12:2-11 (cf. Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9)

Next Day - Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem⁴³⁵

☐ Psalm 113-118 (Psalms Traditionally Associated with Passover)⁴³⁶

☐ Luke 19:29-35 (cf. Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7)

☐ Luke 19:36-40 (cf. Matthew 21:8-9; Mark 11:8-10; John 12:12-14)

☐ John 12:15-18

☐ Luke 19:41-44 (cf. Matthew 23:37-39)

☐ Matthew 21:10-11 (cf. Mark 11:11a)

Before Sunset - Jesus Returns to Bethany

☐ Mark 11:11b

⁴³² SAT/SUN 28/29 MAR 33.

⁴³³ SUN/MON 29/30 MAR in AD 33.

⁴³⁴ It seems likely to me that Simon and Martha were married. Matthew and Mark identify the house in Bethany where the anointing took place as belonging to Simon, while John indicates that it was Martha who prepared and served the meal that night. I believe that Luke [who would have been the odd man out had he not recorded this very important event (Matthew 26:13//Mark 14:9)] offers some unique insight into Martha's intense preparation for that special dinner, which he says took place in Martha's house.

⁴³⁵ Despite longstanding tradition that designates the day of this event as "Palm Sunday," the triumphal entry of Jesus actually occurred on Monday afternoon. This is a very significant point in the chronology of the final week, because 1*10 was the day on which the Passover lambs were selected (Exodus 12:2-6), and Jesus was entering Jerusalem as the final Passover lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7).

⁴³⁶ The Hebrew for "Save us!" in Psalm 118:25, sounds something like *hoshiaghna*, which was slurred into Greek as *hosanna*. This shout, and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of *Yahweh*!" (Psalm 118:26), were part of a traditional greeting for the High Priest when he brought a Passover lamb into Jerusalem on 1*10. The application of this Psalm to Jesus fulfilled one of the requirements for his role as the final Passover lamb. As mentioned earlier, Jesus predicted both the date of and the exact response to his arrival.

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1*11⁴³⁷

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

- ☐ Mark 11:12-14 (cf. Matthew 21:18-19a)

Jesus Cleanses the Temple a 2nd Time⁴³⁸

- ☐ Matthew 21:12-16 (cf. Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46)
- ☐ Luke 19:47-48 (cf. Mark 11:18)

Jesus Responds to a Request from Greeks Attending Passover⁴³⁹

- ☐ John 12:20-50

Before Sunset - Jesus Returns to Bethany

- ☐ Mark 11:19 (cf. Matthew 21:17)

1*12⁴⁴⁰

Jesus Uses the Withered Fig Tree as an Illustration on Faith

- ☐ Mark 11:20-26 (cf. Matthew 21:19b-22)

Jewish Leaders Challenge Jesus' Authority

- ☐ Mark 11:27-33 (cf. Matthew 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8)
- ☐ Matthew 21:28-32
- ☐ Matthew 21:33-46 (cf. Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19)
- ☐ Matthew 22:1-14

Jewish Leaders Make Multiple Attempts to Trap Jesus

Question about the Imperial Tax from the Pharisees & Herodians

- ☐ Matthew 22:15-22 (cf. Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26)

Question about the Resurrection from the Sadducees

- ☐ Matthew 22:23-33 (cf. Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-39)

Question about the Greatest Commandment from the Pharisees

- ☐ Matthew 22:34-40 (cf. Mark 12:28-34a)

Jesus Questions the Pharisees about the Son of David, Ending Questions

- ☐ Matthew 22:41-46 (cf. Mark 12:34b-37; Luke 20:40-44)

Jesus Warns the Passover Crowds about the Pharisees

- ☐ Matthew 23:1-36 (cf. Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47)

Jesus Remarks on a Widow's Gift

- ☐ Mark 12:41-44 (cf. Luke 21:1-4)

The Olivet Discourse

- ☐ Matthew 24:1-8 (cf. Mark 13:1-8 and Luke 21:5-11)
- ☐ Matthew 10:17-19 (cf. Matthew 24:9; Mark 13:9-10; Luke 21:12-13)⁴⁴¹
- ☐ Matthew 10:20 (cf. Mark 13:11; Luke 21:14-15; Luke 12:11-12)
- ☐ Matthew 10:21-22 (cf. Mark 13:12; Luke 21:16)
- ☐ Matthew 24:10-51 (cf. Mark 13:13-37; Luke 21:17-36; cf. 17:22-37)
- ☐ Matthew 25:1-46 (cf. Luke 12:48-50)

Jesus Explicitly Prophesies His Death and Resurrection a Fourth Time

- ☐ Matthew 26:1-2 (cf. Mark 14:1a; Luke 22:1)

⁴³⁷ MON/TUE 30/31 MAR in AD 33.

⁴³⁸ The first time was three years earlier, at the start of his ministry.

⁴³⁹ The exact placement of this event within the final week of Christ is uncertain.

⁴⁴⁰ TUE/WED 31 MAR/1 APR in AD 33.

⁴⁴¹ Matthew 10:17-23 shows some serious overlap with that portion of Mark's and Luke's narratives of Jesus' "Olivet Discourse" that prepared the Apostles for persecution as they preached the Gospel prior to the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70.

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1*13⁴⁴²

Sanhedrin Plots to Kill Jesus after Passover/Unleavened Bread

☐ Matthew 26:3-5 (cf. Mark 14:1b-2; Luke 22:2)

Judas Offers To Betray Jesus to the Sanhedrin⁴⁴³

☐ Luke 22:3-6 (cf. Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11)

Probably Late Afternoon - Jesus Sends Peter and John to Prepare the Passover

☐ Luke 22:7-13 (cf. Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16)

Probably Between Sunset and Midnight on 1*14⁴⁴⁴

Jesus Eats Passover⁴⁴⁵ with His Apostles

☐ Luke 22:14-18 (cf. Matthew 26:20; Mark 14:17)

Jesus Washes the Apostles' Feet

☐ John 13:1-20

Jesus Reveals that One of the Twelve is a Betrayer

☐ Luke 22:21-22 (cf. Matthew 26:21-24; Mark 14:18-21; John 13:21)

Apostles Debate the Identity of the Betrayer

☐ Luke 22:23-30 (cf. John 13:22)

Jesus Speaks Privately to John

☐ John 13:23-26a

Jesus Speaks Privately to Judas Prior to His Departure

☐ John 13:26b

☐ Matthew 26:25

☐ John 13:27-30

Jesus Establishes the "Lord's Supper"

☐ Matthew 26:26-29 (cf. Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20)⁴⁴⁶

Jesus Predicts the Scattering of the Apostles and Simon Peter's Denials

☐ John 13:31-36

☐ Matthew 26:31-35 (cf. Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:37-38)

☐ John 14:1-31a

☐ Luke 22:35-38

Departure from the Upper Room

☐ John 14:31b

☐ Matthew 26:30 (cf. Mark 14:26; Luke 22:39)

On the Way to the Mt. of Olives, Jesus Encourages His Apostles

☐ John 15:1-17:26

⁴⁴² WED/THU 1/2 APR in AD 33.

⁴⁴³ Judas' offer to betray Jesus privately, away from the festival crowds whom the Jewish leaders feared would defend him, advanced the Sanhedrin's timetable. Now they raced to have him convicted by the Roman authorities and on the cross before the people began to gather together on the morning of 1*14.

⁴⁴⁴ THU/FRI 2/3 APR in AD 33.

⁴⁴⁵ How Jesus and the Twelve were able to eat the traditional Passover meal (per Matthew//Mark//Luke) and Jesus still be executed at the time the Passover lambs were traditionally slain (per John) is not made clear in the texts of the gospels. I imagine it had something to do with variances in the reckoning of time between the Galileans and the Judeans.

⁴⁴⁶ See also Paul's comments in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

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Probably Between Midnight and Sunrise on 1*14

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

- ☐ Mark 14:32-42 (cf. Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:40-46; John 18:1)

Jesus Arrested and Taken to Annas

- ☐ John 18:2-9 (cf. Matthew 26:47; Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47a)
- ☐ Matthew 26:48-56 (cf. Mark 14:44-50; Luke 22:47b-53; John 18:10-11)
- ☐ Mark 14:51-52
- ☐ John 18:12-14 (cf. Matthew 26:57; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54a)

John Gains Access to the High Priest's Courtyard for Himself and Peter

- ☐ John 18:15-16, 18 (cf. Matthew 26:58; Mark 14:54; Luke 22:54b-55)

Peter's 1st and 2nd Denials of Jesus

- ☐ Matthew 26:69-72 (cf. Mark 14:66-70a; Luke 22:56-58; John 18:17)

Jesus Interrogated by Annas

- ☐ John 18:19-24

Sanhedrin Hears False Testimony Against Jesus

- ☐ Matthew 26:59-63a (cf. Mark 14:55-61a)

Peter's 3rd Denial of Jesus

- ☐ Luke 22:59-62 (cf. Matthew 26:73-75; Mark 14:70b-72; John 18:25-27)

Jesus Beaten and Mocked

- ☐ Luke 22:63-65 (cf. Matthew 26:67-68; Mark 14:65)

High Priest Places Jesus Under Oath Regarding His Identity

- ☐ Luke 22:66-71 (cf. Matthew 26:63b-66; Mark 14:61b-64)

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Between Sunrise and Mid-Morning on 1*14

Sanhedrin Officially Condemns Jesus, Taking Him to Pilate⁴⁴⁷

- ☐ Matthew 27:1-2 (cf. Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1; John 18:28a)

Judas Commits Suicide

- ☐ Matthew 27:3-10

Jesus Accused before Pilate

- ☐ John 18:28b-32 (cf. Luke 23:2)

Pilate Interviews Jesus Privately

- ☐ John 18:33-38a (cf. Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3)

Pilate Declares Jesus Innocent

- ☐ John 18:38b (cf. Luke 23:4)

Jewish Leaders Continue Their Accusations

- ☐ Matthew 27:12-14 (cf. Mark 15:3-5)
- ☐ Luke 23:5-7

Pilate Sends Jesus to King Herod

- ☐ Luke 23:8-12

Pilate Declares Jesus Innocent a 2nd Time

- ☐ Luke 23:13-16

Crowds Request Pilate to Perform His Traditional Passover Amnesty

- ☐ Mark 15:6-8 (cf. Matthew 27:15-16)

Pilate Offers a Choice between Jesus and Barabas

- ☐ Mark 15:9-10 (cf. Matthew 27:17-18; John 18:39)

Pilate's Wife Warns Him not to Condemn Jesus

- ☐ Matthew 27:19

Jewish Leaders Incite the Crowds to Choose Barnabas

- ☐ Mark 15:11-15a (cf. Matthew 27:20-23; Luke 23:18-23; John 18:40)

Pilate Has Jesus Scourged

- ☐ John 19:1-3 (cf. Matthew 27:26a, 27-31a; Mark 15:15b, 16-20a)

Pilate Declares Jesus Innocent a 3rd Time

- ☐ John 19:4-8

Pilate Privately Interviews Jesus Privately

- ☐ John 19:9-11

Pilate Tries One Last Time to Release Jesus

- ☐ John 19:12

Pilate Publicly Condemns Jesus⁴⁴⁸

- ☐ John 19:13-15
- ☐ Matthew 27:26b (cf. Mark 15:15c; Luke 23:24-25; John 19:16)

Jesus Led Out to be Crucified

- ☐ Luke 23:26-32 (cf. Matthew 27:31b-32; Mark 15:20b-21; John 19:17a)

⁴⁴⁷ Although the Sanhedrin had already determined Jesus' guilt during the night, an official verdict was delivered after sunrise to fulfill the letter of proper procedure.

⁴⁴⁸ Pilate first heard the Jewish accusations against Jesus around the 6th Roman hour, i.e., 6 a.m. After much resistance, Pilate finally condemned Jesus to be crucified at the 3rd Jewish hour, approximately 9 a.m.

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Between Mid-Morning and Mid-Day on 1*14

Jesus Crucified at the 3rd (Jewish) Hour⁴⁴⁹

- ☐ Psalm 22 (A prophetic Psalm of David)
- ☐ Luke 23:33-38 (cf. Matthew 27:33-42; Mark 15:22-28; John 19:17b-20)
- ☐ John 19:21-27
- ☐ Matthew 27:39-44 (cf. Mark 15:29-32)

One of the Criminals Repents

- ☐ Luke 23:39-43

Between Mid-Day and Mid-Afternoon on 1*14

An Unnatural Darkness Falls at the 6th (Jewish) Hour⁴⁵⁰

- ☐ Matthew 27:45 (cf. Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45a)

Between Mid-Afternoon and Sunset on 1*14

Jesus' Cry to God is Mistaken as a Call to Elijah

- ☐ Matthew 27:46-47 (cf. Mark 15:34-35)

Jesus Asks for a Final Drink

- ☐ John 19:28
- ☐ Matthew 27:48-49 (cf. Mark 15:36; John 19:29)

Jesus Dies at the 9th (Jewish) Hour⁴⁵¹

- ☐ John 19:30
- ☐ Luke 23:46 (cf. Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; John 19:30b)
- ☐ Matthew 27:51-52a, 54-56 (cf. Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:45b, 47-49)

Pilate Orders the Executions Hurried

- ☐ John 19:31-37

Jesus Buried

- ☐ Luke 23:50-56a (cf. Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; John 19:38-42)

1*15 = Sabbath⁴⁵²

Sabbath Rest for the Women

- ☐ Luke 23:56b

Guard Posted at the Tomb

- ☐ Matthew 27:62-66

⁴⁴⁹ Midway between sunrise and midday, at the time of the morning sacrifice (Exodus 29:38-40).

⁴⁵⁰ High noon. In his *Chronicle*, Eusebius cites a passage from the writings of Phlegon of Tralles – a chronologist writing during the reign of Hadrian (117-138) – as support for his own assertion that Jesus was crucified in “the nineteenth year of Tiberius’ kingdom,” i.e., between 1 July 32 and 30 June 33:

“In the fourth year of the two hundred and second Olympiad there was a great eclipse of the sun of unprecedented proportion, and it became night in the sixth hour of the day, so that even the stars in heaven shone.”
[translation mine]

There were absolutely no total solar eclipses in the period indicated by Phlegon, so he must have been citing something similar to the darkness of an eclipse. On a related note, the darkness accompanying Jesus’ crucifixion was most definitely not a solar eclipse, since the moon was full and solar eclipses only occur when the moon is new. However, on the evening of the crucifixion, the moon actually rose while in eclipse.

⁴⁵¹ Midway between noon and sunset, at the time of the evening sacrifice (Exodus 29:41-42).

⁴⁵² FRI/SAT 3/4 APR in AD 33.

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1*16⁴⁵³ – The Day of the Resurrection:

Women Discover the Empty Tomb

- ☐ Matthew 28:1-4 (cf. Mark 16:1-2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1a)
- ☐ Mark 16:3-4 (cf. Luke 2:2; John 20:1b)

Mary Magdalene Runs Away to Inform Peter

- ☐ John 20:2a

Angels Appear to the Remaining Women after They Enter the Tomb

- ☐ Luke 24:3 (cf. Mark 16:5a)
- ☐ Mark 16:5b-8⁴⁵⁴ (cf. Matthew 28:5-8; Luke 24:4-9a)

Jesus Appears to the Women after They Flee from the Tomb

- ☐ Matthew 28:9-10

Tomb Guards Bribe by the Jewish Leaders

- ☐ Matthew 28:11-15

Peter and John Run to Inspect the Empty Tomb

- ☐ John 20:2b-10

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

- ☐ John 20:11-17

Women Tell the Apostles about Seeing Jesus

- ☐ Luke 24:9b-11 (cf. John 20:18)

Resurrected Believers Seen in Jerusalem

- ☐ Matthew 27:52b-53

Jesus Appears to Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

- ☐ Luke 24:13-33a

Jesus Appears to Cephas (Peter)

- ☐ 1 Corinthians 15:5a⁴⁵⁵

Jesus Appears to the Apostles for the 1st Time after His Resurrection

- ☐ Luke 24:33b-35
- ☐ John 20:19 (cf. Luke 24:36; 1 Corinthians 15:5b)
- ☐ Luke 24:37-48 (cf. John 20:20)
- ☐ John 20:21-23

⁴⁵³ SAT/SUN 4/5 APR in AD 33.

⁴⁵⁴ In the oldest manuscripts, Mark's gospel ends abruptly with verse 8. I do not consider the so-called "longer ending" of Mark (verses 9-20) to be the authentic ending of Mark's original text, for the simple reason that it directly contradicts Luke's undisputed account. According to Luke 24:33-35, the apostles had already accepted Peter's testimony about the resurrection before the two disciples for Emmaus could relate their own experience, while in the "longer ending" of Mark (verses 12-13), the apostles refused to believe the testimony of these two men. Although it is possible that the authentic ending of Mark is irretrievably lost, the testimony of the other gospels provide more than enough information to support faith in the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

⁴⁵⁵ Paul's account of the resurrection appearances seems to be in chronological order and includes three appearances not recorded in the gospels – to Cephas (*kefas* is the Aramaic equivalent to "Peter"), to "The 500" and to James, Jesus' half brother.

AD 33/34 = 1490th Year of the Exodus (continued)

During the Week Between 1*16 and 1*23

Ten Apostles Tell Thomas about Seeing Jesus

□ John 20:24-25

Jesus Appears to 500 Believers

□ 1 Corinthians 15:6

Jesus Appears to James (His Half-brother)

□ 1 Corinthians 15:7a

Probably 1*23⁴⁵⁶ - Jesus Appears to the Apostles a 2nd Time after His Resurrection

□ John 20:26-31 (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:7b)

Sometime Between 1*23 and 2*25

After the Apostles Travel to Galilee

Jesus Appears to the Apostles a 3rd Time after His Resurrection

□ John 21:1-25

Jesus Commissions the Apostles

□ Matthew 28:16-20

Probably 2*25⁴⁵⁷ - After the Apostles Return to Jerusalem

Jesus Commands the Apostles to Remain in Jerusalem

□ Acts 1:1-8 (cf. Luke 24:49)

Jesus Ascends to the Father

□ Luke 24:50

□ Acts 1:9-11 (cf. Luke 24:51)

Apostles Return to Jerusalem

□ Acts 1:12-13 (cf. Luke 24:52)

Shortly after the Ascension - Apostles Select Matthias to Replace Judas

□ Acts 1:14-26

□ Luke 24:53

⁴⁵⁶ SAT/SUN 11/12 APR in AD 33, if counted inclusively.

⁴⁵⁷ WED/THU 13/14 MAY in 33, if counted inclusively.

ACTS is basically a sequel to Luke's gospel (Acts 1:1-3), finished prior to Paul's imperial review (Acts 28:30-31). It provides an historical framework for the remainder of the New Testament. I have placed the various letters of the New Testament where I believe they most likely occurred within the Acts timeline. Each letter will be preceded by a brief introductory overview.

33/34 = 1490th Year of the Exodus (continued)

3*6 = Pentecost⁴⁵⁸ - Establishment of the Church at Jerusalem

□ Acts 2:1-41

Life Within the Early Church

□ Acts 2:42-47

Sanhedrin's Persecution of Peter & John

□ Acts 3:1-4:31

Sharing within the Early Church

□ Acts 4:32-37

Deaths of Ananias & Sapphira

□ Acts 5:1-11

Sanhedrin's Continued Persecution of the Apostles

□ Acts 5:12-42

Year Beginning 7*1⁴⁵⁹ in 33 = 207th Sabbatical Year

Perhaps During the Fall and/or Winter

Appointment of the 1st Servants⁴⁶⁰ (a.k.a. Deacons⁴⁶¹)

□ Acts 6:1-7

Stoning of Stephen

□ Acts 6:8-8:2

Church Scattered by Persecution Led by Saul of Tarsus

□ Acts 8:3-4 (cf. Acts 22:3-5a; 26:4-11; Galatians 1:13-14)

□ Acts 11:19

Philip Evangelizes Samaria

□ Acts 8:5-13

Peter and John Impart Supernatural Gifts of the Spirit at Samaria⁴⁶²

□ Acts 8:14-25

⁴⁵⁸ SAT/SUN 23/24 MAY in 33.

⁴⁵⁹ SUN/MON 13/14 SEP in 33.

⁴⁶⁰ The need for men to oversee food distribution may have been precipitated, in part, by the Jewish observance of the Sabbatical Year in the Fall of 33. This would have been especially important for the poor and destitute believers who, after confessing faith in Jesus as Messiah, would have been denied access to the Sabbatical food stores by the Jewish leadership.

⁴⁶¹ The English word Deacon comes from the Greek root *diakon-*, the various forms of which deal with physical service done by an individual for someone else.

⁴⁶² I think it particularly instructive that while Philip [upon whom the Apostles had earlier laid their hands (Acts 6:5-6)] displayed supernatural abilities, Philip's converts [who obviously already had the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9; Acts 2:38)] had to receive the supernatural gifts of the Spirit by the Apostles Peter and John laying hands on them. It appears to me that these supernaturally gifts were imparted by the laying on of the Apostles' hands.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 34 = 1491st Year of the Exodus/2nd Year of the Church

Possibly During the Spring and/or Summer

Philip Evangelizes the Treasurer of Ethiopia

□ Acts 8:26-39

Philip Evangelizes the Cities Between Azotus and Caesarea

□ Acts 8:40

Probably During the Summer - Saul's Conversion at Damascus

□ Acts 9:1-19a (cf. Acts 22:5b-16; 26:12-18; Galatians 1:15-16)

Between 34 and 36

Saul Makes a Brief Visit to Arabia⁴⁶³

□ Galatians 1:17a

Saul Returns to Damascus, Defending Jesus as Messiah in the Synagogues

□ Galatians 1:17b

□ Acts 9:19-22 (cf. Acts 26:19-20a)

James was one of Jesus' four half-brothers (Matthew 13:55). Although James still did not believe that Jesus was Messiah just six months prior to the crucifixion (John 7:5), actually seeing the resurrected Christ made a believer of him (1 Corinthians 15:7). Almost immediately he became the most influential leader within the newly established Church at Jerusalem (Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18; Galatians 1:19; 2:9; 2:12). He faithfully served the Lord in this capacity until his illegal execution by the Jewish leadership shortly before the Israeli revolt against Roman rule in 66 (Antiquities 20.9.1).

As an Israeli, leading an Israeli congregation in the ancient Israeli capital, he addressed the book of JAMES as a general letter to the Twelve Tribes of Israel scattered throughout the Roman Empire. Because Gentile believers are not mentioned anywhere in the letter, I am convinced it was written before the conversion of Cornelius, making it the earliest writing of the New Testament.

□ James 1:1-5:20

Year Beginning 1*1 in 36 = 1493rd Year of the Exodus/4th Year of the Church

Probably During the Summer

Saul Escapes from Damascus⁴⁶⁴

□ Acts 9:23-25

Saul Visits Jerusalem

□ Acts 9:26-29

□ Acts 22:17-21 (cf. Acts 26:20b; Galatians 1:18-20)

Saul Returns to Tarsus

□ Acts 9:30 (cf. Galatians 1:21-24)

⁴⁶³ It is possible that Saul, during this very significant crisis in his spiritual life, visited Mt. Sinai in Arabia (Galatians 4:25) for a time of private contemplation, even as Elijah did so many years before (1 Kings 19).

⁴⁶⁴ Paul, who was well-known for his gospel about a king from Galilee, probably had to flee Damascus when supporters of King Aretas of Arabia took control of the city (2 Corinthians 11:32) during Aretas' border war with Herod Antipas, the *tetrarch* of Galilee. This war occurred after Herod divorced Aretas' daughter so that he could marry his sister-in-law, Herodias (Antiquities 18.5.1). Josephus reveals that some Jews considered Herod's defeat as divine retribution for his execution of John the Immerser (Antiquities 18.5.2).

Probably Between 37 and 41⁴⁶⁵

Ministry of Peter in Lydda and Joppa

□ Acts 9:31-43

Conversion of Cornelius the Centurion

□ Acts 10:1-11:18

Conversion of Many Gentiles at Antioch, Syria

□ Acts 11:20-21

Year Beginning 1*1 in 42 = 1499th Year of the Exodus/10th Year of the Church

Perhaps During the Summer - Barnabas Ministers at Antioch

□ Acts 11:22-24

Year Beginning 1*1 in 43 = 1500th Year of the Exodus/11th Year of the Church

Probably in the Spring - Barnabas Brings Saul to Antioch to Assist Him⁴⁶⁶

□ Acts 11:25-26

Year Beginning 1*1 in 44 = 1501st Year of the Exodus/12th Year of the Church

Spring - Financial Assistance Sent to Jerusalem via Barnabas and Saul

□ Acts 11:27-30

1*14-22 = Passover/Unleavened Bread⁴⁶⁷ - Agrippa Persecutes the Apostles

□ Acts 12:1-19

Summer - Agrippa Dies at Caesarea⁴⁶⁸

□ Acts 12:20-24

Probably During the Summer - Barnabas and Saul Bring John Mark to Antioch

□ Acts 12:25

Perhaps Late Summer or Early Fall - Barnabas and Saul Sent Out from Antioch⁴⁶⁹

□ Acts 13:1-3

Perhaps During the Winter - Barnabas and Saul/Paul Evangelize on Cyprus⁴⁷⁰

□ Acts 13:4-12

⁴⁶⁵ This was roughly equivalent to the Emperor Gaius's reign who, during his final year of rule, unsuccessfully attempted to have his image placed within the Temple (Antiquities 18.8).

⁴⁶⁶ Based on the fact that Barnabas and Saul were sent to Judea around Passover in 44, after spending a full year working together at Antioch.

⁴⁶⁷ THU/FRI 31 APR/1 MAY – FRI/SAT 8/9 MAY.

⁴⁶⁸ Josephus also describes the agonizing death of Herod Agrippa (Antiquities 19.8.2).

⁴⁶⁹ Barnabas and Saul may have sailed to Cyprus before ship traffic ceased in the fall of 44 – i.e., prior the fast of *Yom Kippur* (cf. Acts 27:9).

⁴⁷⁰ Barnabas and Saul may have passed the winter of 44/45 on Cyprus, preaching their way across the island. Take special note of how Saul became Paul after his part in the conversion of Sergius Paulus (Acts 13:9). Roman citizens sometimes adopted the name of a patron as their own. It is quite possible that Paulus lent some significant support to Saul, prompting him to begin using the name Paul in honor of that assistance.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 45 = 1502nd Year of the Exodus/13th Year of the Church

Perhaps During the Spring, Summer and Fall

John Mark Returns to Jerusalem⁴⁷¹

□ Acts 13:13

Barnabas and Paul Evangelize at Antioch, Pisidia

□ Acts 13:14-52

Barnabas and Paul Evangelize at Iconium

□ Acts 14:1-6a

Barnabas and Paul Evangelize at Laconia and Lystra

□ Acts 14:6a-20a

Perhaps During the Winter - Barnabas and Paul Evangelize at Derbe

□ Acts 14:20b-21a

Year Beginning 1*1 in 46 = 1503rd Year of the Exodus/14th Year of the Church

Perhaps During the Spring and Summer

Barnabas and Paul Evangelize Appoint Elders in Lystra, Iconium & Antioch

□ Acts 14:21b-24

Barnabas and Paul Evangelize at Perga

□ Acts 14:25a

Barnabas and Paul Return to Antioch, Syria⁴⁷²

□ Acts 14:25b-28

Matthew (a.k.a. Levi), son of Alphaeus, was a revenue agent at Capernaum before being called by Jesus as an apostle. According to Second Century writers, Matthew wrote his gospel before departing Palestine for ministry elsewhere. By my calculation, this would have taken place in the mid-40's, since the apostles were still in Jerusalem at the time of Herod Agrippa's execution of James in 44, but only Peter and John were present at the Jerusalem Council in 47 or 48 (Acts 15:1-30; Galatians 2:1-10).

The gospel of MATTHEW is very Jewish in character, but with a special focus on the evangelism of the Gentiles. Writing at a time when the idea of allowing Gentiles to become part of the Church was being opposed by some, Matthew took the opportunity to remind Jewish believers that Jesus himself had intended the gospel be preached among the Gentiles.

□ Matthew 1:1-28:20

⁴⁷¹ Barnabas and Paul may have sailed from Cyprus to Perga when ship traffic resumed in the spring of 45. It was at this point that John Mark returned to Jerusalem, after about a year away from home.

⁴⁷² The ministry of Barnabas and Paul in the interior of Asia Minor appears relatively short. It is likely that they passed the winter of 45/46 in the interior, sailing back to Antioch during 46.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 47 = 1504th Year of the Exodus/15th Year of the Church

Year Beginning 7*1 in 47 = 209th Sabbatical Year

Perhaps During the Sabbatical Year⁴⁷³

Controversy About Circumcision of Gentile Converts Arises at Antioch

□ Acts 15:1

Issue Discussed and Resolved at Jerusalem, Under the Direction of James

□ Acts 15:4-29

Judas and Silas Deliver the Jerusalem Letter of Resolution to Antioch

□ Acts 15:30-35

Year Beginning 1*1 in 48 = 1505th Year of the Exodus/16th Year of the Church

Perhaps During the Summer or Early Fall - Paul and Barnabas Split Up⁴⁷⁴

□ Acts 15:36-40

Probably During the Fall and Winter

Paul and Silas Minister to the Congregations in Syria and Cilicia⁴⁷⁵

□ Acts 15:41

Paul, Silas and Timothy Minister to the Congregations in Phrygia and Galatia

□ Acts 16:1-6

Paul wrote GALATIANS to the congregations of southern Galatia, the Roman province in central Asia Minor where he and Barnabas had evangelized on their 1st Missionary Journey, and through which he and Silas passed on the 2nd Missionary Journey. Probably writing from somewhere between Galatia and the city of Troas in late 48 or early 49, Paul displayed his obvious displeasure that the controversy about Gentile circumcision, against which he had so recently fought in the Jerusalem Council, had made significant inroads into Galatia as well.

□ Galatians 1:1-6:18

⁴⁷³ I believe that the so-called Jerusalem Council was probably held in 47/48, during the Sabbatical Year.

⁴⁷⁴ Since Barnabas and John Mark sailed away to Cyprus, the 2nd Missionary Journey must have begun prior to the cessation of ship traffic in the fall of 48.

⁴⁷⁵ Paul and Silas may have spent the winter of 48/49 in the interior of Asia Minor.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 49 = 1506th Year of the Exodus/17th Year of the Church

Probably During the Spring, Summer and Fall

Paul, Silas and Timothy Evangelize at Philippi⁴⁷⁶

□ Acts 16:7-40

Paul, Silas and Timothy Evangelize at Thessalonica

□ Acts 17:1-9

Paul, Silas and Timothy Evangelize at Berea

□ Acts 17:10-14

Paul Evangelizes at Athens

□ Acts 17:15-34

Before the End of the Year

Paul Travels on to Corinth⁴⁷⁷

□ Acts 18:1-4

Paul, Silas and Timothy Evangelize at Corinth

□ Acts 18:5-11

Paul wrote 1 THESSALONIANS from Corinth, after Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia (Acts 18:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-10).

□ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5:28

Paul wrote 2 THESSALONIANS during his ministry at Corinth in order to deal with false teaching that had apparently arisen from a forged letter (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2; 3:17).

□ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:18

Year Beginning 1*1 in 51 = 1508th Year of the Exodus/19th Year of the Church

Probably Early Summer - Paul Charged before Gallio at Corinth⁴⁷⁸

□ Acts 18:12-17

Sometime Between 51 and 54

Paul Returns to Antioch, Syria, via Ephesus & Jerusalem

□ Acts 18:18-22

⁴⁷⁶ Luke, the author of Acts, traveled with Paul from Troas to Philippi, hence the change from the pronoun “they” in Acts 16:8 to “us” and “we” in Acts 16:10, 11. They probably arrived during the spring of 49, allowing for events in Macedonia and Achaia before Paul’s arrival at Corinth before the end of 49.

⁴⁷⁷ The edict that expelled Jews from Rome is dated to the 9th year of Claudius (49), and was precipitated by riots among the Jews regarding “*Chrestus*” (Suetonius’ Life of Claudius, 25), perhaps a Roman mis-understanding about debates over Jesus’ identity as Christ. Allowing for 18 months of ministry prior to Jewish accusations before Gallio, Paul probably arrived in Corinth before the end of 49.

⁴⁷⁸ The Jews, seeking to take advantage of a change in Roman administration, probably brought charges against Paul shortly after Gallio’s arrival in the province of Achaia in the early summer of 51. How much longer he spent in Corinth is unclear. Paul could have returned to Antioch in the next few years and still satisfied the periods of time referred to in Acts 18:18, 23.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 54 = 1511th Year of the Exodus/22nd Year of the Church

Year Beginning 7*1 in 54 = 210th Sabbatical Year

Perhaps during the Fall and Winter

Apollos Evangelizes in Ephesus and Corinth⁴⁷⁹

□ Acts 18:24-28

Paul Visits the Congregations of Galatia & Phrygia⁴⁸⁰

□ Acts 18:23

Probably Between Late 54 and early 57

Paul Evangelizes at Ephesus⁴⁸¹

□ Acts 19:1-20

Paul wrote 1 CORINTHIANS in anticipation of a visit to Corinth later in 57, after which he planned to return to Judea (1 Corinthians 16:1-9). In it he addresses a number of very serious problems that had arisen within the Corinthian assembly.

□ 1 Corinthians 1:1-16:24

Year Beginning 1*1 in 57 = 1513th Year of the Exodus/25th Year of the Church

Spring

Paul Plans to Travel to Jerusalem (via Macedonia and Achaia) and then to Rome

□ Acts 19:21-22

Riot at Ephesus (before Pentecost, according to Paul's original plans in 1 Corinthians 16:8)

□ Acts 19:23-20:1

Spring into Summer? - Paul Ministered at Troas, Waiting for Titus (per 2 Corinthians 2:12-13)

Summer into Fall?

Paul Ministered in Macedonia, Where Titus Meets Up with Him

□ Acts 20:2 (cf. 2 Corinthians 7:5-16)

Paul may have travelled to southern Illyricum during this time (cf. Romans 15:19)

Winter - Paul Ministered in Achaia (Greece)⁴⁸²

□ Acts 20:3a

Paul wrote 2 CORINTHIANS in anticipation of a third and final visit to Corinth before his return to Judea (2 Corinthians 1:15; 12:14; 13:1-3). In it he defends his apostolic authority and readdresses some of the continuing problems within the Corinthian assembly.

□ 2 Corinthians 1:1-13:14

⁴⁷⁹ Apollos may have used the Sabbatical Year as an opportunity to travel from his native Alexandria to Ephesus in order to teach the message of John the Immerser. This account, and the account of the twelve men encountered by Paul shortly hereafter, are amazing records of how, two decades after the resurrection of Christ, there were still some disciples of the Immerser who had not yet heard the full gospel.

⁴⁸⁰ Paul may have traveled overland to the interior of Asia Minor during the latter part of 54, spent the winter in Galatia and traveled on to Ephesus in the spring or summer of 55.

⁴⁸¹ Paul spent at least two years and three months in Ephesus (Acts 19:8, 10), but referred to the period inclusively as three years (Acts 20:31). He was probably there from the winter of 54/55 through the spring of 57.

⁴⁸² Paul evidently spent the three winter months of 57/58 in Greece. During this time he apparently made two visits to Corinth (2 Corinthians 12:14; 13:1).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 58 = 1514th Year of the Exodus/26th Year of the Church

Late Winter into Early Spring

Paul, Accompanied by Many Associates, Began His Journey to Jerusalem, Via Macedonia

□ Acts 20:3b-21:16

Paul wrote ROMANS in anticipation that he would visit Rome shortly after his return to Judea from Corinth (Romans 1:15; 15:20-32). In it he addresses the basic aspects of faith in Jesus as Messiah, regardless of whether one is an ethnic Jew or not.

□ Romans 1:1-16:27

1*14-22 (WED/THU 26/27 APR – WED/THU 3/4 MAY) = Feast of Passover/Unleavened Bread

Perhaps 1*20 (MON/TUE 1/2 MAY)⁴⁸³

Paul Set Sail from Philippi (Neapolis) for Troas (at least 140 sea miles)

□ Acts 20:6a

Perhaps 1*24 (SAT/SUN 6/7 MAY)

Paul Arrived at Troas; Too Late To Meet with the Church During Its Regular Assembly

□ Acts 20:6b

Perhaps 2*1 (SAT/SUN 13/14 MAY)/1st Day of the (Jewish) Week/7th Day at Troas

After Sunset – Paul Met With the Church, Speaking All Night

□ Acts 20:7-12

During the Day – Paul Walked Alone from Troas to Assos, Getting On Board the Ship There

□ Acts 20:13-14a

Perhaps 2*2 (SUN/MON 14/15 MAY) – Arrival at Mitylene (at least 30 sea miles)

□ Acts 20:14b

Perhaps 2*3 (MON/TUE 15/16 MAY) – Mitylene to Chios (at least 60 sea miles)

□ Acts 20:15a

Perhaps 2*4 (TUE/WED 16/17 MAY) – Chios to Samos (at least 90 sea miles)⁴⁸⁴

□ Acts 20:15b

Perhaps 2*5 (WED/THU 17/18 MAY) – Samos to Miletus (at least 15 sea miles)⁴⁸⁵

□ Acts 20:15c-16

Perhaps 2*8 (SAT/SUN 20/21 MAY)

Paul Met With the Ephesian Elders at Miletus⁴⁸⁶

□ Acts 20:17-38

Miletus to Cos (at least 40 sea miles)

□ Acts 21:1a

Perhaps 2*9 (SUN/MON 21/22 MAY) - Cos to Rhodes (at least 70 sea miles)

□ Acts 21:1b

Perhaps 2*10 (MON/TUE 22/23 MAY) - Rhodes to Patara (at least 60 sea miles)

□ Acts 21:1c-2a

⁴⁸³ I have attempted to reconstruct a day-by-day itinerary for Paul during the time, using several specific chronological keys provided by Luke. While it is speculative, I do believe it is reasonably close to what happened.

⁴⁸⁴ This shows that the ship Paul was on could make 90 miles in a single day of sailing. Since the ship was probably averaging 5-6 knots, or approximately 6 mph, this distance would have required about 15 hours to accomplish. Since there were just over 14 hours of sunlight on this day of the year, a twilight dawn departure from Chios would have still had them docking at Samos before full dark.

⁴⁸⁵ Paul hoped to arrive in Jerusalem before Pentecost = 3*9 (SAT/SUN 17/18 JUN) (Acts 20:16).

⁴⁸⁶ It was at least 30 road miles from Ephesus to Miletus. It would have taken a day for a messenger to get to Miletus. Another day to collect the elders. And a third to travel back to Miletus for the meeting.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 58 = 1514th Year of the Exodus/26th Year of the Church (continued)

Perhaps 2*11-13 (TUE/WED 23/24 – THU/FRI 25/26 MAY)

Patara to Tyre (at least 390 sea miles)⁴⁸⁷

□ Acts 21:2b-3

Perhaps 2*14-21 (FRI/SAT 26/27 MAY – FRI/SAT 2/3 JUN)

Paul Met With the Church⁴⁸⁸

□ Acts 21:4-6

Perhaps 2*22 (SAT/SUN 3/4 JUN)

Tyre to Ptolemais (at least 25 sea miles)

□ Acts 21:4-6

Paul Stayed Overnight with the Believers at Ptolemais

□ Acts 21:4-7

Perhaps 2*23 (SUN/MON 4/5 JUN)

Ptolemais to Caesarea (at least 35 sea miles)

□ Acts 21:8a

Paul Stayed at the Home of Philip the Evangelist

□ Acts 21:8b-9

Perhaps 2*29 (SAT/SUN 10/11 JUN)

Paul May Have Met with the Church at Caesarea before Heading Up to Jerusalem

□ Acts 21:10-14

Perhaps 3*1 (SUN/MON 11/12 JUN)

Caesarea to Antipatris⁴⁸⁹

Day of Arrival at Jerusalem [Perhaps 3*2 (MON/TUE 12/13 JUN)]

Paul Arrived at the Jerusalem Home of Mnason of Cyprus

□ Acts 21:15-17

1st Full Day at Jerusalem [Perhaps 3*3 (TUE/WED 13/14 JUN)]

Paul Met with James and the Elders of the Jerusalem Church

□ Acts 21:18-25

2nd Full Day at Jerusalem [Perhaps 3*4 (WED/THU 14/15 JUN)]

Paul Went to the Temple with Four Other Jewish Believers to Finish Their Nazirite Vows

□ Acts 21:26

3*7 (SAT/SUN 17/18 JUN) = PENTECOST = The Church's 25th Anniversary⁴⁹⁰

This would have been Paul's 5th Full Day at Jerusalem/His 4th Since Going to the Temple

7th Full Day at Jerusalem/6th Day Since Paul went to the Temple

[Perhaps 3*9 (MON/TUE 19/20 JUN)]

Paul Arrested by the Roman Tribune during a Jewish Riot in the Temple⁴⁹¹

□ Acts 21:27-22:29

8th Full Day at Jerusalem/7th Day Since Paul went to the Temple

[Perhaps 3*10 (TUE/WED 20/21 JUN)]

Paul Appeared before the Sanhedrin

□ Acts 22:30-23:11

⁴⁸⁷ It is known that grain ships sailing the open sea, day & night, between Alexandria, Egypt, and Rome's port of Ostia, could cover as much as 150 miles per day. That's an average speed of 5-6 knots or approximately 6 mph. Therefore, it seems highly likely that Paul's ship could cross the nearly 400 miles from Patara to Tyre in three days of constant sailing.

⁴⁸⁸ The cargo offloading & onloading may have provided the seven-day layover at Tyre. Paul might therefore have had opportunity to meet twice with the Church during its regular, weekly assembly day.

⁴⁸⁹ We know that this was approximately the mid-point on the Roman road between Caesarea and Jerusalem.

⁴⁹⁰ It seems to me that Paul made it to Jerusalem in time to observe Pentecost there as he'd hoped.

⁴⁹¹ The officer who arrested Paul assumed that he was the Egyptian Jew who had led a failed uprising at Jerusalem a few years earlier (Acts 21:38; cf. Antiquities 20.8.6).

Year Beginning 1*1 in 58 = 1514th Year of the Exodus/26th Year of the Church (continued)

9th Full Day at Jerusalem/7th Day Since Paul went to the Temple

[Perhaps 3*11 (WED/THU 21/22 JUN)]

Forty Jews Plotted To Assassinate Paul; Once Informed, the Roman Tribune had Paul Escorted to Antipatris Overnight

□ Acts 23:12-31

8th Day Since Paul went to the Temple/Day Paul Arrived at Caesarea

[Perhaps 3*12 (THU/FRI 22/23 JUN)]

The Roman Tribune Informed the Jews of the Change of Venue for Paul (cf. Acts 23:30)

Paul Escorted during the day to Caesarea, Where He Met With Prefect Felix⁴⁹²

□ Acts 23:32-35

12th Day Since Paul went to the Temple/Five Days after He Arrived at Caesarea

[Perhaps 3*16 (MON/TUE 26/27 JUN)]

Paul Defended Himself before Prefect Felix & the Jewish High Priest Ananias at Caesarea⁴⁹³

□ Per Acts 24:1-23

Summer of 58-Summer of 60

Paul Was Detained as an Unconvicted Roman Citizen at the Herodian Seaside Palace in Caesarea⁴⁹⁴

□ Acts 24:24-26

According to Irenaeus (Against Heresies 3.14.1), the gospel of LUKE was written by Luke, a physician (Colossians 4:14), and a companion of Paul. We know for certain that the author accompanied Paul from Troas to Philippi in the spring of 49, during the 2nd Missionary Journey. He evidently remained at Philippi until the spring of 58, when, at the end of the 3rd Missionary Journey, he joined Paul as he sailed from that city, heading for Jerusalem.⁴⁹⁵ Luke's gospel was probably researched and written during Paul's two-year imprisonment at Caesarea, from the summer of 58 to the fall of 60.

□ Luke 1:1-24:54

⁴⁹² Antonius Felix was a former slave who had gotten his appointment as prefect of Judea (52-60) via his older brother's influence with Emperor Claudius. Once in Judea, he had met and fallen in love with the Judean princess, Drusilla, daughter of the late King Agrippa. They had both divorced their spouses and married around 54-56, when he was in his late 40s or early 50s and she between 16 and 18. In a strange twist to the story, Josephus reports that Felix was assisted in the pursuit of this marriage by a Cypriot Jewish friend named Simon, who purported to have supernatural abilities (Antiquities 20.141-144), which sounds very much like the troublemaker with whom Paul had a run-in on the island of Cyprus during the 1st Missionary Journey back in 44 and whom he had blinded (Acts 15:6-12). The fact that Drusilla had ended her arranged marriage to a Jewish proselyte prince in order to marry an unconverted Roman prefect caused her older siblings – Agrippa II and Bernice, both of whom were very religious – to keep their distance from her and her new husband. Their marriage lasted until 79, when Drusilla and their grown son were killed in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

⁴⁹³ If the High Priest at Jerusalem had been informed on 3*12 – a Sabbath eve – of Paul's transfer to Caesarea, the earliest he and his entourage could have travelled would have been on Sunday and Monday of the following week. This would have placed the hearing at Caesarea on 3*16 – a Tuesday – as my chronology indicates.

⁴⁹⁴ As a Roman Prefect, Felix had the authority to keep Paul chained to guards as a security precaution pending his official trial. Otherwise, he was treated with all the respect due a Roman citizen. As Luke explains, Felix delayed the trial for two years, hoping that Paul (or his associates) would offer him a significant bribe. I think this indicates that Felix was aware the apostle had arrived at Jerusalem in conjunction with a huge amount of financial aid designated for the relief of impoverished Jewish believers in Jesus.

⁴⁹⁵ Based on the change from the pronoun "they" in Acts 16:8 to "us" and "we" in Acts 16:10, 11, back to "they" in Acts 17:1, and finally back to "we" in Acts 20:6.

Year Beginning 1*1 in 60 = 1517th Year of the Exodus/28th Year of the Church

Summer? - Felix Returned to Rome,⁴⁹⁶ Leaving Paul Detained as a Favor to the Jews

□ Acts 24:27

7*10 (FRI/SAT 24/25 OCT) = Yom Kippur

Possibly in the 7th Jewish Month

Porcius Festus Arrived as the New Prefect of Judea

□ Acts 25:1

Jewish Leadership Request a New Hearing for Paul

□ Acts 25:2-5

7*15-22 (WED/THU 29/30 OCT – WED/THU 5/6 NOV) = Feast of Tabernacles

Possibly later in the 7th Jewish Month, after the Feast of Tabernacles

Paul Appeals to Festus for Imperial Review

□ Acts 25:6-12

Paul Testifies before Agrippa II and Bernice

□ Acts 25:13-26:32

The Augustan Cohort Began Escorting Their Prisoners/Detainees via Ship

□ Acts 27:1-2

(Next Day) Arrival at Sidon (at least 80 sea miles from Caesarea);

Centurion Julius Permits Paul to Meet with the Local Believers

□ Acts 27:3

Possibly during the Late 7th & Early 8th Jewish Months (November into December)

Due to Unfavorable Conditions on the South Side of Cyprus, the Ship Sailed Along the NE Mediterranean Coastline to Myra (around 600+ sea miles)

□ Acts 27:4-5

Upon Boarding a New Ship, They Sailed Slowly Westward to Cnidus (at least 130 sea miles)

□ Acts 27:6-7a

Because of Headwinds, They Sailed South to the East End of Crete (at least 110 sea miles)

□ Acts 27:7b

They Sailed Along the South Coast of Crete to Fair Havens (at least 110 sea miles)

□ Acts 27:8

Despite Warnings from Paul, They Sailed toward Phoenix (at least 40 sea miles)

□ Acts 27:8-13

The Ship Is Caught in a Storm Blowing from the NE toward the Syrtis off North Africa

□ Acts 27:14-17

(2nd Day of the Storm) They Ejected the Cargo

□ Acts 27:18

(3rd Day of the Storm) They Ejected the Ship's Tackle

□ Acts 27:19

As the Storm Continued, They Began to Give Up Hope

□ Acts 27:20

(13th Day of the Storm) Paul Encouraged Them, But Predicted a Shipwreck

□ Acts 27:21-26

(14th Night of the Storm) Sailors Prepare to Run Aground

□ Acts 27:27-32

(14th Day of the Storm) Paul Encouraged Them to Eat

□ Acts 27:33-38

⁴⁹⁶ Jews from Caesarea followed Felix to Rome in order to accuse him of misconduct. According to Antiquities 20.182, Felix's older brother used his considerable influence with Emperor Nero to have the charges dismissed.

(14th Day of the Storm) The Shipwreck at Malta

□ Acts 27:21-28:6

(3rd Day on Malta) Paul Healed Many, Beginning the Father of Publius

□ Acts 28:7-10

Three Months (Mid-December until Mid-March?) Spent on Malta

□ Acts 28:11a

Year Beginning 1*1 in 61 = 1518th Year of the Exodus/29th Year of the Church

During the Spring - Paul Continues from Malta to Rome

□ Acts 28:11-15

Until Sometime After the Spring of 63

Paul Remains Under House Arrest in Rome, Awaiting Imperial Review

□ Acts 28:16-31

Paul wrote PHILIPPIANS as a letter of thanks and encouragement during his house arrest at Rome. The Philippians had apparently sent Paul financial support (Philippians 4:18) when they learned that he was incurring personal debt (Acts 28:30) as he awaited imperial review.

□ Philippians 1:1-4:23

During his house arrest at Rome, Paul was involved in the conversion of Onesimus, the runaway slave of Philemon, the man in whose house the congregation at Colossae met. Paul wrote the letter of PHILEMON, urging Philemon to accept Onesimus back as a brother in Christ, charging any financial loss to the apostle. Because he anticipated being released soon (Philemon 1:22), Paul also took this opportunity to send two instructional letters into the same region - EPHESIANS⁴⁹⁷ and COLOSSIANS. These were entrusted to Tychicus, whom Onesimus accompanied on his way home (Ephesians 6:22-23; Colossians 4:7-9).

□ Philemon 1:1-25

□ Ephesians 1:1-6:24

□ Colossians 1:1-4:18⁴⁹⁸

Peter wrote 1 PETER from "Babylon" (5:13) - which was probably a reference to the city of Rome - and addressed it to the Christians living in the various Roman provinces of northern Asia Minor. This book was probably written before Roman persecution of Christians began in 64.

□ 1 Peter 1:1-5:14

⁴⁹⁷ Most ancient manuscripts do not include the phrase "in Ephesus" as part of the salutatory address in this letter. This letter may have been a circular letter that Paul intended to pass through Laodicea on its way to Colossae (Colossians 4:16).

⁴⁹⁸ As you read, take special note of the many parallels with Ephesians.

Paul wrote 1 TIMOTHY & TITUS shortly after his release from house arrest at Rome, some time after the spring of 63, but before his arrest, final imprisonment and execution at Rome between 64 and 68. In them he addressed the need for basic congregational instruction by Timothy (at Ephesus) and Titus (on Crete).

□ 1 Timothy 1:1-6:21

□ Titus 1:1-3:15⁴⁹⁹

Year Beginning 1*1 in 64 = 1521st Year of the Exodus/32nd Year of the Church

18-24 JUL – 70% of Rome burned in a great fire

Later in the Year - Christians blamed; Official Roman persecution of Christians begins.

64-68 – First Official Roman Persecution of Christians

Peter wrote 2 PETER as a follow-up letter in anticipation of his death sometime between 64 and 68 (2 Peter 2:12-15). In it he warns believers to be on their guard against false teachers.

□ 2 Peter 1:1-3:18

Paul wrote 2 TIMOTHY - his final letter - in anticipation of his execution sometime between 64 and 68 (2 Timothy 4:6). In it he urges Timothy to continue the work of the gospel.

□ 2 Timothy 1:1-4:22

HEBREWS is completely anonymous, with only a few clues as to who the author might (or might not) be. Since Timothy is mentioned in Hebrews 13:23, he is immediately ruled out. So too would be the apostles and early disciples with first hand testimony about Jesus, since the author specifically distinguishes himself from that esteemed group (Hebrews 2:3-4). Whoever he was, he was obviously an Israeli with a firm grasp on how the symbolism of the old covenant was fulfilled by Jesus in the new covenant.

It is my thesis that the author was concerned that the Jewish recipients were anxious enough about the systematic Roman persecution of Christians (which began shortly after the burning of Rome in 64), that they were actively considering a return to traditional Judaism, which was not being persecuted by the Roman authorities. The author demonstrates that this is a completely untenable position to take, since the Old Covenant had been fulfilled by Christ and was about to pass away completely (via the approaching destruction of the Temple in 70).

□ Hebrews 1:1-13:25

⁴⁹⁹ As you read, take special note of the many parallels with 1 Timothy.

Jude, the brother of James (probably the well-known leader of the Jerusalem congregation, the author of James and half-brother to Jesus), wrote JUDE, urging the energetic defense of the once-delivered Faith. A quotation of 2 Peter 3:3 in Jude 1:18 seems to indicate that this letter was written after 2 Peter, but how long after is uncertain.

□Jude 1:1-25

The testimony of Papias (Fragments 6, written during the early 2nd century and preserved in the 4th century writings of Eusebius), states that Mark served as Peter's Roman interpreter and that the gospel of MARK is an accurate representation of Peter's eyewitness testimony. Irenaus (Against Heresies 3.1.1, written between 185-188) concurs with this tradition, further stating that Mark's gospel was completed after the deaths of both Paul and Peter.

In his youth, John Mark, son of Mary (Acts 15:12), and cousin of Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), had accompanied Barnabas and Saul on their 1st Missionary Journey only as far as Perga, before returning to Jerusalem (Acts 13:13). When Paul and Barnabas disagreed sharply about taking him on the 2nd Missionary Journey, Barnabas decided to take Mark with him to check on the congregations on Cyprus while Paul took Silas into Asia Minor (Acts 15:37-39). Mark was with Paul during the final days of his house arrest at Rome (Philemon 1:24; Colossians 4:10), but was living somewhere between Ephesus and Rome during Paul's final Roman imprisonment.⁵⁰⁰ Peter also testifies to John Mark's presence at "Babylon" (i.e., Rome), in 1 Peter 5:13.

□Mark 1:1-16:8

According to Irenaus (Against Heresies 3.1.1, written between 185-188), John the apostle wrote the gospel of JOHN after he had taken up residence at Ephesus in Asia. Internal evidence indicates that it was written in the late 60's - after the execution of Peter, sometime between 64 and 68 (John 21:19), but before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 (John 5:2).⁵⁰¹

□John 1:1- 21:25

Year Beginning 1*1 in 70 = 1527th Year of the Exodus/38th Year of the Church

Jerusalem's Temple destroyed exactly as predicted by Jesus within His "Olivet Discourse"

⁵⁰⁰ Based on Paul's request that Timothy bring John Mark along with himself to Rome (2 Timothy 4:11).

⁵⁰¹ Based on the use of the present tense "is" rather than "was" in regard to a specific pool located in Jerusalem.

According to Irenaeus (Against Heresies 3.16.5, written between 182-188), John the apostle also wrote 1 JOHN, 2 JOHN & 3 JOHN. They reflect the apostle's response to the rising threat of Gnosticism, a heresy which denied that Jesus Christ had come in the flesh,⁵⁰² something about which John had firsthand knowledge. Similarities between 1 John and 2 John, and between 2 John and 3 John, indicate that John wrote all three letters around the same time.

□ 1 John 1:1-5:21

□ 2 John 1:1-13

□ 3 John 1:1-14

According to Irenaeus (Against Heresies 5.30.3, written between 182-188), John the apostle wrote REVELATION after experiencing the visions contained herein toward the end of Domitian's reign (81-96). As you read, be sure to take special note of the large amount of imagery drawn from the Old Testament prophets of Isaiah, Zechariah, Daniel and Ezekiel.

□ Revelation 1:1-22:21

⁵⁰² This arose from their belief that the flesh was inherently evil and the spirit inherently good.

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